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YORKVILLE—Mildred Holland in The Royal Divorce—9 times.

A GREAT ACTOR.

A GREAT actor—a great artist—made his final exit when CONSTANT COQUELIN died.

Nature designed COQUELIN for a comedian, as that word is understood in English, for his figure and his face were marked to that purpose. Yet while COQUELIN could not assume the roles of lovers, as could DELAUNAY, or the heroic roles that MOUNET-SULLY graced, he ventured with more than ordinary success into parts removed from his more natural *metier*, and as an actor was closer in the affections of his people than any other of his time. He was supreme in the masterpieces of comedy of MOLIERE, and by many was esteemed the greatest French actor since the time of that genius. For twenty years he was a *sociétaire* of the Comédie Française, during which period he adorned the classics of that institution—following the traditions which test a player in comparative work—but his ambition was too broad and vital for him to remain indefinitely in such an atmosphere, and he went forth to originate and to exhibit his talents to other peoples, winning in other lands triumphs hardly secondary to those that distinguished his native career.

COQUELIN was a scholar as well as an actor, and a student of all that related to his vocation. He was a controversialist on occasion upon subjects related to the actor's art, and a cause of controversy in others. He represented the scientifically accurate player as opposed to the player of impulse and intuition. While his artistic range was unusual—though his best efforts were those confined within his natural scope—his faculty of assimilation from observation remarkable, and his ability great to express along lines carefully thought out and exact, he seldom touched the feelings of the critical auditor, although invariably he challenged admiration. He had the ability to get within the skin of a character and externally to seem to be the person he assumed to be. Yet, after all, he lacked that attribute which in the highly imaginative and temperamental actor actually and by force moves and inspires those upon whom he plays.

COQUELIN's most pronounced success was won in Cyrano De Bergerac. Thus it was natural that he should have esteemed ROSTAND to be the greatest of living poetic dramatists. And thus he waited—as Paris waited, and as the world waited—upon the eccentricities of ROSTAND's genius that deferred again and again the completion of this poet's latest work, the chief part in which the great actor was to originate. Dispatches say that ROSTAND is prostrated by COQUELIN's death. Did that event in some measure result from continued worry over an achievement so long perfecting?

Actors the world over should honor COQUELIN for his loyalty to his calling as well as for his exceptional ability. He lived in the Home of the Superannuated Actors, near Paris, an institution which he was chiefly instrumental in founding, among old artists whom he loved and who loved him.

MECHANICAL CRITICISM.

DRAMATIC criticism in Italy, no doubt, is much like dramatic criticism elsewhere. That is to say, men with more or less training in the observation of the theatre and with varying degrees of ability as writers, attend plays and record their notions thereof for pay, and incidentally for the pleasure, if not for the edification, of persons who simply go to the theatre for one or another phase of amusement and recreation.

There will probably be dramatic criticism for professional critics to the end of the chapter. These gentlemen—although at times they are in agreement upon main points as to a play which they witness—very frequently differ materially and sometimes arbitrarily in their views. But in this they are simply human. The other units of theatre audiences often do the same.

Yet in Milan, Italy, an innovation that marks the enterprise of management in that city is under trial. They have introduced there a voting machine which is passed from hand to hand in the theatre, giving every one in an audience a chance to say whether he or she likes the play for the information of the management and the public.

As to the character and limitations of this device—called a psephograph—there is no detail in the news of its adoption. If it serves only to let managers know what is liked and what is not liked it will not have been used in vain. If its employment shall develop a more comprehensive utility, that will be desirable to learn. Yet the professional critics would probably be continued in any case, if only to compare their always interesting conclusions with the briefer—and possibly less graceful—opinions of a majority of theatregoers.

PERSONAL.



MAESTERLINCK.—Maurice Maesterlinck, it is said, is finally reconciled to the operatic production of *Moana Vanna*. He made a strong effort to prevent the text being used as opera, but was overruled by the French courts.

HARRIS.—James M. Harris has completed and delivered a new one-act play to be used by Ethel Barrymore. Miss Barrymore will appear in this piece when she plays a return engagement in New York.

FAVERSHAM.—William Faversham will revive *The World and His Wife* for the last week of his engagement at Daly's, on Feb. 6. Julia Marlowe will follow Mr. Faversham at this house.

COLLINS.—Arthur Collins, managing director of the Drury Lane Theatre, arrived in New York on Jan. 26. He will supervise the American production of *The Sins of Society* next Spring.

HUNTLEY.—G. P. Huntley, who is now appearing in Kitty Grey, has agreed to remain in America for a year under his present management, to appear in straight comedy after his engagement in Kitty Grey.

CARPENTER.—Edward C. Carpenter is writing for William Faversham a sequel to *The Barber of New Orleans*, in which the hero is seen in more adventures.

PADEWSKI.—Ignace Jan Paderewski and his wife arrived in New York on Jan. 26 for a tour of America. This will make the pianist's eighth visit to this country. His first concert will be given in Waterbury, Conn.

ILLINGTON.—Margaret Illington has returned to New York from California, where she went to recover from an attack of nervous prostration. She intended to remain in the West until the late Spring, but changed her plans and came back home. She was present at the opening performance of Eleanor Robson in *The Dawn of a Tomorrow*, on Jan. 25. She returned to California on Friday, her physicians having noted that she had not yet recovered her health.

NILSSON.—Carlotta Nilsson, according to reports, has made a complete success in her new play, *This Man and That Woman*, by Avery Hopwood.

STEVENSON.—Charles Stevenson will have one of the important roles in *The White Sister*, with Viola Allen.

RING.—Blanche Ring fell during the waits in the burlesque of *The Merry Widow* and the Devil last Friday night, and sprained her ankle badly.

ELLIOTT.—Maxine Elliott has invited the children in Mr. Hamlet of Broadway to be present at the Wednesday matinee of *The Chaperon* this week.

GILLETTE.—William Gillette is to go to Australia at the end of his season here. He and his company will play Samson and other plays of his repertoire under the direction of J. C. Williamson.

SOTHERN.—E. H. Sothern made his first appearance in Richelieu at the Van Ness Theatre, San Francisco, on Jan. 29.

YOUNG.—Mrs. Rida Johnson Young has returned from Europe, where she went last October for a few months' rest. She found the climate in London so bad that she spent most of the time in Paris.

VALLI.—Valli Valli, who has the role of Lady Blinfield in Kitty Grey, played Friday night although suffering intense pain from an abscess in her cheek. Before the first act she had an attack of bleeding at the nose. A physician remained on the stage during the performance to stop any recurrence of the hemorrhage.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

[No replies by mail. No attention paid to anonymous, irrelevant or irrelevant queries. No private address furnished. Questions regarding the whereabouts of players will not be answered. Letters to members of the profession addressed in care of The Mirror will be forwarded (if possible).]

S. S. C. C., Chicago: Your questions are of a personal nature and cannot be answered in these columns.

G. A. ORTMANN: THE MIRROR has failed in a search for the identity of the costumer or costume shop you mention.

JOHN J. FORD, Washington: The first performance of *Du Barry*, with Mrs. Carter in the title role, occurred in Washington, Dec. 12, 1901.

QUESTIONS, Montreal: Henri Bernstein's Samson had its first performance in Paris, Nov. 6, 1907, at the Renaissance Theatre.

J. R. NEWARK: Marie Dainton originated the title-role in England in *Peggy Machree*, at Wyndham's Theatre in 1905.

C. F.: Cyril Scott is now at the head of Brady and Grismer's Western Man of the Hour company.

EUGENE GOLDMAN: Jeannette Lowrie was featured in the principal role in Yama when the piece was produced by Alfred E. Aarons last Fall.

HAROLD COOK, Rochester: Olive Oliver was the Princess de Castagnary in James K. Hackett's production of John Gay's *Honor at Daly's Theatre*, December, 1907.

CHARLES BORMANN, New York: The costume you describe can be obtained of any good costumer, several of whom advertise in the columns of THE MIRROR.

"A CONSTANT READER" and "READER," Canton, O.: It would be best if you referred your question to some lawyer familiar with theatrical law.

JOSEPH A. G., Somersworth, N. H.: Eugene Walter's play, *The Wolf*, is owned by Sam S. and Lee Schubert, Inc. There are at least four companies playing it throughout the country.

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CONSTANT READER, Johnstown, Pa.: Grace George played the ingenue role of Juliette in *The Turtle*. Sadie Martinot had the leading role. The plays Miss George has starred in are *The Princess Chiffon*, *Her Majesty*, *Under Southern Skies*, *From Frenzy*, *Pretty Peggy*, *Abigail*, *The Marriage of William Ash*, *The Richest Girl*, *Clothes*, *Divorcement*, *Sylvia of the Letters*, and, at present, *A Woman's Way*.

COQUELIN DEAD.

Famous French Actor Passes Away—His Career and His Character.

Benoit Constant Coquelin—Coquelin ained—died at Port-aux-Dames, Department of Seine-et-Marne, Paris, on the morning of Jan. 27. He had been seriously ill since Jan. 10, but he had continued studying his role in Rostand's new play, *Chantecler*. In the early part of the week he had sent word to his company that he would be ready for rehearsal in a few days. His death, it is supposed, was directly due to an embolism brought on by overwork and by grief over the long illness of his brother.

The funeral was held Friday at Port-aux-Dames, in the building of the Retreat for Aged Actors that Coquelin founded. Special trains were run from Paris to the little village. From the salon of the Retreat the coffin was borne to the garden, where the public ceremonials took place. The speakers were Dujardin-Bonnet, Under-Secretary of State for the Fine Arts; Robert Deleury, of the Society of Authors; M. Cleretie, of the Theatre Francaise; M. L. Gachard, of the Theatre Francaise; and M. L. Gachard, of the Association of Dramatic Authors. Edmund Rostand read a brief tribute of his love and respect for the dead actor. He said that his play, *Chantecler*, would remain with Coquelin's son, Jean, who alone could decide upon its future disposition. At the Church of Couilly the prayers were said, and the body was placed in the Couilly cemetery. Later, in accord with Coquelin's wishes, it will find a resting place in the garden of the Actors' Retreat.

Benoit Constant Coquelin first saw the light of day in January, 1841, in the city of Boulogne-sur-Mer, where his father kept a bakery. Early in life he showed signs of a disposition above the ordinary and of tastes that were far from common. In his tender years he played the actor's part, mimicking haranguing and posturing before a mirror. His younger brother, seeing him while away the long hours after this fashion, determined to imitate him, and did so to perfection. His relatives and neighbors, on seeing the boy give evidence of extraordinary powers in this direction, did not wish that such powers should be wasted. Boulogne-sur-Mer—with all due respect to the old town—was not exactly a place where a fitting theatrical academy could be found for the training of those who sought glory and fame behind the footlights. The Conservatoire of Paris was fixed upon as Coquelin's future home, and this institution he was accordingly sent, having entered it on Dec. 20, 1859. Here he followed the course of Regnier, and duly came out a good second at the examination.

M. Coquelin made a long and determined effort to perfect himself in his difficult calling. It may be said that in his younger days his voice had neither that tone of quality nor his face that mobility which are supposed to assort themselves to the stage. Early in his professional career he believed that by dint of study and hard, constant work what might be termed physical defects could be effaced. He became the pupil of Regnier, and there never was a master who was more proficient or more exacting. All that Regnier's skill could furnish Coquelin the young actor absorbed. What was pure study in the best school of acting at that time after a while lost apparently its artificiality in Coquelin, for he became a great artist. At nineteen he entered the Theatre Francaise. His early appearances were highly successful for his age. No role was taken by him where careful study of the part did not produce effects. It was in the classics—*Crispin of Moliere* that he first made his mark. Here the conservatism of the French stage precluded the slightest liberties. Coquelin never went outside of those somewhat fixed rules which as far as these personages are concerned are part and parcel of the traditions of the Comédie Francaise; but there were bits of true genius thrown into these valets of Moliere's which were nevertheless novel, and these delighted even critics who were bound up in the cult of the drama of the past.

In time Coquelin's repertoire increased. It was in the *Duc de Septmon* in *L'Etranger* that M. Coquelin, leaving Moliere for the time, showed ability in his creation of a contemporaneous personage. It is said of this conscientious actor that he hesitated before playing the part of the Duke, notwithstanding the urgent appeals of Dumas fils, the author. "It may satisfy you, M. Dumas," said Coquelin, "and it may be perhaps your idea of the Duke, but it does not please me, and until it does please me I shall decline playing it in public." Finally Coquelin did play it to suit himself, and his success was great.

Sir Henry Irving once gave a dinner in honor of M. Coquelin at the Beefsteak Club, London. Coquelin was playing in London at the time, and Sir Henry Irving made this toast: "M. Coquelin, you will be a fool to return to the Comédie Francaise, and the management there will be idiots if they do not try to re-engage you."

Up to the time that Cyrano de Bergerac was written Coquelin's favorite role was Tartuffe. Coquelin had for several years struggled unsuccessfully to manage the Porte St. Martin Theatre, Paris, and was almost threatened with bankruptcy when he got Cyrano. That play made a fortune for him and gave him fame throughout the world, a renaissance needed at that time. No other single role he ever played in his entire repertoire did so much for his reputation as this figure of Rostand's.

Coquelin came to America first in 1888 in company with Jane Hading, following a tour of South America. In 1893, the year of the Chicago World's Fair, he and Hading returned to this country, beginning their tour in San Francisco. They played the principal cities and spent about three months in New York. When Hading returned to France Coquelin remained behind and appeared with his own company until the Spring of 1894. His next and last visit to this country was with Bernhardt in 1900, appearing in *Cyrano de Bergerac* and a repertoire of plays. About two years ago it was announced that he would make another tour of this country, but the plans were not carried out, principally on account of his failing health.

M. Coquelin was one of the French actors with no taste for the works of the contemporary writers of France who have followed the trend of Ibsen and other realistic writers. His taste was for the romantic rather than the realistic. He had little or no tolerance for Ibsen, and he believed that the mission of the theatre was not accomplished in such plays as his.

Coquelin married in 1865 Antoinette Mancy, an actress. Their son, Jean, became a member of the Theatre Francaise company in 1890 and has played many of his father's roles.

AT THE FORREST HOME.

J. Fred Zimmerman, manager of the Chestnut Street Opera House, Philadelphia, and Vice-President of the Board of Managers of the Edwin Forrest Home, journeyed to Springbrook in his sumptuous automobile on Sunday, Jan. 24, accompanied by Mrs. Abraham Branger and Mrs. Allen, of New York. The former took a box of beautiful flowers for Mrs. Ethel Groves-Groves, the youngest member of the Home family, who very gracefully placed them on the dining-room table, where all her old player associates could enjoy their beauty and fragrance.

On Shakespeare's birthday, 1908, Judge Thompson, President of the Board of Managers, in a brief speech said that Mr. Zimmerman had a scheme by which he proposed to raise a fund to build a temporary theatre on the Home grounds, where succeeding anniversaries of Shakespeare's birthday could be fittingly and appropriately celebrated by actors and actresses who might at that date be playing in the Philadelphia theatres, a combined orchestra to furnish the music.

In a brief chat with Mr. Zimmerman recently he implied that the temporary theatre would be ready for the 345th anniversary of the Bard of Avon's birthday, next April, and that quite a celebration would be given by dramatic and musical artists from the Philadelphia theatres.

THE USHER



The Actors' Fund of America, by advertisement on another page of *The Mirror*, calls attention to a departure in its administration that should interest its members, and more particularly actors who have not seen their duty clear to joining this great charity of the profession.

The Board of Directors of the Fund have arranged to conduct what is to be known as the Actors' Fund Registration Bureau, and announce that membership in the Fund—a connection that costs but \$2 a year—carries also eligibility to register with this Bureau for engagement.

The Actors' Fund Registration Bureau has been organized for the purpose of securing engagements for actors, actresses, singers, dancers, members of the chorus, vaudeville artists, managers, agents, treasurers, stage-managers, musicians, carpenters, property men, electricians, and, in fact, for all kinds of theatrical workers before or behind the footlights.

A payment of \$1, in addition to the Fund membership fee of \$2, is all that is required from those who also desire the benefit of this department of the Fund. The Registration Bureau is to be under the direct supervision of the Board of Trustees of the Fund, and its motto is announced as: "No politics, no favoritism, no commissions."

It is said that all first-class managers have assured the board that they will avail themselves of the Registration Bureau in making up their organizations for next season. Various stock company managers, it is said, have also announced the same purpose.

For years the membership of the Actors' Fund has averaged a miserable percentage of the membership of the theatrical profession, in spite of its magnificent record as a charity. It has been inconceivable to many friends of the Fund that its interests should have been so ignored by the thousands of persons associated with the theatre, a great number of whom would apply to the Fund in distress or expect it to perform the solemn duty due the dead.

It is true that a number of Fund members have for years stood by nobly in its aid, and that each new year has found a number of accessions; but for the most part the presumption that one small subscription to an annual membership is a voucher for duty done seems to have prevailed, with the result that if the Fund had depended upon membership fees alone it would long ago have gone out of business.

Members of the theatrical profession who are not associated with the Fund cannot fail to see that this idea of a Registration Bureau holds out to them an opportunity both to help the Fund and help themselves. It is a plain proposal that needs no explaining.

It should at once add thousands of members to the Fund, and, continued, should annually prove to be a source of adequate revenue while simplifying the problem of varied theatrical employment that in other circumstances involves endless worry, limited opportunity and disappointment.

According to reports, London has a theatrical eccentric who quite surpasses anything of the kind heretofore known about. A dispatch describing his operations calls him a theatrical "angel," but as that species are supposed to furnish money with which other persons operate the designation is ill-placed, for this London man is chief operator as well as supplier of the wherewithal.

The name of this strange person is given as Mr. Nation, and his exploits in their way are as unusual as the acts of Carrie Nation, contributed by this country to Great Britain recently, and since continually in hot water. But Mr. Nation and Mrs. Nation are alike only in the attention they attract.

Mr. Nation, it is said, is looked upon as the theatrical puzzle of London. In three years he has leased four theatres, and has not produced a single play "whose ultimate failure was for a moment in doubt." Each of his seasons has entailed a loss of \$50,000, yet he goes on smiling and producing to audiences of eighteen and twenty persons, and it is an open question whether all or even this small total pay for admittances.

Some years ago he tried his hand at literature, and edited and financed a monthly, the *Covent Garden Magazine*, with the same disastrous results. In this publication he bombarded an unwilling public with poems and stories. At the Scala, Terry's and the Royalty, he turned his stories into plays and produced them to empty benches.

Another of his whims is to burden all of

his dramatic productions with songs from his own pen, which he invariably announces as "imitated from the French." These have proved the last straw to theatregoing Londoners, who have reached the stage of refusing free tickets. "So Mr. Nation nightly watches his performances from an empty dress circle, ladies out his thousands, and looks pleasant," says the report.

That was an unusual piece of news cabled from Paris—or written in New York and dated Paris—the other day about M. Alvarez, the French tenor.

It related the dismissal of the singer from the personnel of the Paris Opera, "much to the surprise of the public and himself."

Alvarez was reported in the article to have said his "downfall" and "the sudden culmination" of his career had been due to his "lack of appreciation of the value of self-advertising."

In other words, his idea of professional ethics had led him to scorn the employment of a press agent, and now, too late, he saw he had made a mistake.

But is this wholly logical? A press agent is a handy person to have about, no doubt; and some opera singers are lively enough in eccentric ways to get along well without a press agent and yet figure frequently in the public prints. But really does a great singer—or even one not exactly great—depend wholly for employment upon irrelevant publicity? Surely, great actors have no such dependence.

The publicity enjoyed by various operatic figures, including a well-known impresario, during the past week, impinges suggestively on the modest declarations of M. Alvarez. It must have made many a theatrical press agent deplore his inefficiency, and would even make the methods of the circus pale by comparison.

THE RENEGADE PRODUCED.

The first performance of *The Renegade*, by Paul Armstrong, with William Farnum as star, was given at Northampton, Mass., on Jan. 22. It was received with unquestionable favor by a fairly good sized audience, including a rather large proportion of college students, faculty and members of the English department. Brief speeches were made in recognition of the reception of the play by both Mr. Farnum and Mr. Armstrong. The beauty of the scenes and the smoothness of the performance were worthy of note.

The story of *The Renegade* concerns the failure of a governmental experiment in educating a full-blooded Indian—Sleeping Wolf, or John Pound—bred from childhood among the most refined influences of Eastern civilization, educated at Harvard and returned to New Mexico to exert diplomatic influence upon the discontented remnants of his tribe. With tragic logic he disapproves the expectations of both his red brethren and white associates. That he has been taken from one class to be but superficially received by the other is brutally demonstrated by a heartless flit, who, systematically making mischief among the little personnel of the army post and the neighboring station, amuses herself with him. Her insults when he accepts the matter as his familiarity with civilized social usage dictates temporarily sends him back to the savage, and he joins the Indians in the uprising that it has been his mission to prevent. The love of the Indian girl, Pawnee, selected by the tribe for his wife, restores the better element in him, and he attempts, uselessly, to prevent the Indian attack upon the army post and the ranch. In saving the ranchman's daughter—the heroine of the secondary love story in the play—he purposely allows himself to come under the misconception that ends in his death.

Judging from the costumes, the time is within the decade following the Civil War. The looped and beruffled dresses of the few women of the army post, the alkali-dust covered uniforms of the army officers, and the native dress of the Indians furnish a costume-blend that is picturesque.

The action is generally harmonious, although the ample detail of Act I makes the contraction of the following acts more apparent than probably will be the case when the play works fully into its dramatic proportions. The present effect is an arousal of interest in the secondary story, which development of the main theme must come in a manner slightly antagonistic to unity of interest. A second division of interest threatens between the melodrama of interest threatened with such logical consistency to sad truth as to raise the question, will the audience element attracted by the surface thrilling action accept the relentless logic of the play's present finale? At its first presentation it is such an interesting compound of popularity, properties and tragic poetry as to raise unusual interest in its final fate or form.

The fine reticence (save in its passionate moments) of William Farnum's conception of Sleeping Wolf was an unusual combination with steep prominence. It was a distinctive characterization, as was that of Emily Rief as the Spanish wife of the Irish ranchman, O'Day, well played by J. Harry Bonomo. The capable, calculating way in which Beatrice Forbes-Robertson played the mocking innocence of the mature flit who triflingly precipitates the whole tragedy, was excellent.

M. K. Brewster.

FIRE IN BOARDING HOUSE.

Fire in the boarding-house at 167 West Forty-fifth Street, known as the Bartholdi Inn, last Tuesday evening did about \$5,000 damage and endangered the life of at least two of the guests, Minnie Brooks, a member of The Love Waltz company, in vaudeville, and Edie Love, a stenographer, were found unconscious from smoke and carried down from the fourth floor by firemen. The shops in the lower floor of the building suffered the larger part of the damage. The Bartholdi Inn is a well-known theatrical boarding-house, and nearly every actor who has tramped Broadway knows it.

NEW THEATRE IN SCRANTON.

The Star, management of Smith and May, opened Jan. 25 with a large bill, including Sam Morris, Marion and Thompson, Humes and Lewis, Sam Howard, Frederick and Venita, Purcell and Thornton, Clark and company, the Three Madcaps, the Two Tullivers, Prince Albene and Miss Le Brandt, and Al. Swanson, catch-as-catch-can wrestler. Capacity houses ruled during the week. This week, "The Three of Us," Boles and O'Brien, Emerson and Adams, the Great McGarvey, Young Brothers, Saunders and Cameron, wrestling and moving pictures. The theatre is a new one.

SAILORS AT THE THEATRE.

At the Casino Theatre last Thursday night the officers of the *Republic* and the *Battle* were entertained as guests of the management. Jack Rims, the *Republic's* wireless operator, appeared in Philadelphia at a performance of *Via Wireless* and returned to New York in time to see the last scene at the Hippodrome. About 200 of the *Republic's* crew attended the performance of *Three Twins* at the Majestic on the same night.

AMERICAN ACADEMY MATINEE.

Students Appear Pensively in Two Plays at the Empire Theatre Before a Large Audience.

The most enjoyable performance of the series this season was the matinee at the Empire Theatre on Thursday afternoon last of the students of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and Empire Theatre Dramatic School. Two plays were presented, the first a one-act drama by Edward Eliscu called *Ruca*, and the second a satirical comedy in four acts by William M. Blatt, entitled *The Stranger's Burden*. It was the first performance of both plays. *Ruca* was presented with this cast:

Popoff Maurice Ross
Dracu Felix Krembs
Nica Anthony J. Burger
Ruca Emily Callaway

A quartette of acting geniuses would have found it difficult to infuse into *Ruca* any semblance of coherency or reality. That the students failed to do so is nothing to their discredit. A heroine actuated by such varying emotions that one instant she caresses the man she loves, then is prompted to shoot him, then stab him, then love him, and finally fire four shots into one of her earlier loves, is a character beyond the interpreting powers of any sane actress. The story is inconsequential. Emily Callaway (who apparently admires Maude Adams very much) was the *Ruca*. She struggled hard to make the whirlwind heroine appear lifelike. She is quite pretty, and an excellent elocutionist. Maurice Ross was a villainous-looking Popoff. Felix Krembs a forceful Dracu, and Anthony Burger as Nica, at moments, was excellent.

The second play, which was far better written and played than the first, was cast as follows:

Hiram Carver G. Emil De Alton
Major Henry Graymore Anthony J. Burger
Herbert Haldimand Alfred Cross
Randall Graymore Harry Biskieles
Burton Haldimand Sydney Bennett
Peter Raymond Holles
Hagar Garfield Frances Sayre
Mary Graymore Carol Warren
Mrs. Graymore Gretchen Stiger
Miss Fennepce Haldimand Jean Darrach
Mrs. Haldimand Lowell Oldham
Lucy Dones Halstead

The story is a satire upon the undue importance placed on birth, genealogy, pedigree or whatever one may choose to call it, by those who, like the Chinese, worship at the shrine of their ancestry. Because a good-looking lad who is seriously in love rashly follows the object of his affection to her room, late at night, in his eagerness for a definite answer, the girl becomes hopelessly compromised. Her college chum, a girl with no family tree, assumes the blame. Complications are many and amusing until the girl who is really guilty makes a clean breast of it. The writer apparently has a keen sense of humor, and although at times he has permitted himself to run to extravagances his play is the most promising and amusing that the Academy students have presented this season.

The performance of *The Stranger's Burden* was remarkable for two unusually good pieces of acting, in neither of which, save at rare moments, were there any traces of the amateur. These were the Haldimands of Jean Darrach and the Burton Haldimand of Sydney Bennett. Miss Darrach offered a whimsical, delightful portrait of a patrician, slender spinster with a love for small talk and mild scandal. She might have stepped from out the leaves of Mrs. Gaskell's "Cranford." Mr. Bennett gives much promise of becoming a very capable player of juvenile characters. He is convincingly boyish and manly by turns, and his work rings true.

The Herbert Haldimand of Alfred Cross was a precise, stilted sort of disagreeable person. If Mr. Cross would only enunciate, be a bit less contained, or "loosen up," his temptation to exaggerate was too great for Mr. De Alton to resist, and his Carver was drawn with a very heavy brush. Miss Sayre was very sweet and womanly as Hagar, the young lady with no "connections." Miss Oldham and Miss Warren were adequate. Miss Stiger unfortunately was miscast. She has such an exquisite sense of humor and has displayed it so well in two of the Academy's earlier matinees, that her glaring misplacement was the more regrettable. Anthony Burger and Harry Biskieles gave well-drawn characterizations and two very tiny "bits" were well done by Raymond Holles and Dones Halstead.

WILTON LACKAYE.

Wilton Lackaye, whose portrait appears on the first page of this week's *Mirror*, is now appearing at the Savoy Theatre in Liebler and Company's production of *Cleveland Moffett's* play, *The Battle*, and is an actor who hardly needs an introduction to those who follow the affairs of the theatre.

Mr. Lackaye was born in Virginia in 1862 and was educated for the priesthood at Ottawa and Georgetown University. Later he took up the study of law in Washington. He made his first appearance on the stage (as a professional) in Lawrence Barrett's company, at the Star Theatre in this city, in 1883. The play was *Paolo and Francesca*. Later, with Barrett, he played *Salario* in *The Merchant of Venice*. Then followed an engagement with Carrie Swain's company in Dayton, Ohio, and an appearance in May Blossom. In 1886 Mr. Lackaye became a member of Fanny Davenport's company, appearing in *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Fedora*, and *As You Like It*. The next year he played Robert Le Diable in Alan Dore at the Fifth Avenue Theatre. In 1887 he was seen as Leo in *She at Niblo's Garden* and in 1888 played *Gourou* in Paul Kaurar and Prince Saviani in Jocelyn with Rose Coghlan. From 1889 until his memorable characterization of Svengali in *Trilby*, in 1895, Mr. Lackaye appeared as Don Stephano in *Peath* with Minnie Maddern, at the Madison Square Theatre; as Haverhill in *Shenandoah*; *Glitch* in *Booth's Baby*; in *Augustin Dely* company; *De Nouvilk* in *Roger la Houte*, at Niblo's; *O'Donnell* in *The Great Unknown*, at Daly's; *Sir Barton* in *My Jack*; and leading roles in *Colonel Tom*, *The Dead Heart*, *Money Mad*, *The Pemberton*, *The Canuck*, *Dr. Bill*, *Nero*, and *The Power of the Press*.

In 1891 Mr. Lackaye went to London to fill an engagement with the St. James Theatre company, and on his return the next year he joined Charles Frohman's stock company. He played *King Louis* in *Pompadour*, *Percin* in *Mr. Wilton's Widows*, and *Jefferson Stockton* in *Aristocracy*. With A. M. Palmer's stock company he was prominently cast in Oscar Wilde's *Lady Windermere's Fan*, *The Dancing Girl*, *Saints and Sinners*, *Alabama*, *Jim the Penman*, *Woman's Revenge*, *The American Heiress*, *The Price of Silence*, *The Transgressor*, *New Blood*, *The New Woman*, and *The District Attorney*. In 1896 he aroused enthusiastic praise for his weird Svengali, and since then has been seen as Athes in James O'Neill's production of *The Three Musketeers*; as *Reb Shemuel* in *The Children of the Ghetto*; *Petroneus* in *Quo Vadis*; with Mrs. Le Moyne in *The Greatest Thing in the World*; in Colorado; as the King in *Don Caesar's Return*, with James K. Hackett; as *Uncle Tom* in the all-star revival of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*; in *The Modern Magdalen*, with Amelia Bingham; and has starred in *Charles Klein's* *Dr. Belgraff*, in *Charles O'Malley*, as *Curtis Jadin* in *The Pit*, as *Jean Valjean* in *The Law and the Man*, his own dramatization of "Les Misérables," and in *Hall Caine's* *The Bondman*. His present role, *John Haggleton*, in *The Battle*, he has made one of his most striking characterizations.

STOCK IN WATERBURY.

The Earle C. Simmons Stock company, with Dollie Davis as the leading woman and Clara Richardson, opened at Waterbury, Conn., on Jan. 23. This organization is the third stock company to play the Empire Theatre, and is an organization backed by business men of Waterbury. It includes many of the original stock that opened there some time ago. The promise of strong local support is assured this organization, and Miss Davis has entered heartily into the work with the new company of fourteen people.

REFLECTIONS

Edward Everett Ross, the dramatist and stage director, and Jennie Arnold were married in New York city on Jan. 27, by the Rev. Dr. McKim.

Richard Strauss' new opera, *Elektra*, was produced at Dresden on Jan. 25. The libretto follows the Hoffmannstahl version of the tragedy in which Mrs. Patrick Campbell appeared last season, using Arthur Symonds' translation.

Elise Hamilton, a member of Miss Ingersoll's company, has been ill at her home in West Eighty-sixth Street for the past two weeks, suffering from a nervous disorder. She expects to return to work this week.

The tour of *Checkers* ended at the Majestic Theatre, Brooklyn, on Jan. 23 after six years of almost continuous playing. The comedy will be sent out again next season.

Thomas W. Ryley has engaged the "Marionettes Millers," whirlwind dancers, for *The Queen of the Moon* in *Hamlet*. They will make a special feature in the show, but the other dancing features will be retained.

After reading upward of one hundred plays, Clara Kroll, now acting the leading role in *The Great Divide*, has selected one for her use when she debuts as a star next Fall. The new play, written by a Philadelphia newspaper man, is called *Yesterday*. It tells a historical story of the Quaker City during the life and times of William Penn. Miss Kroll will be her own book-er and manager. Her tour begins in this city.

Charles Bradley, Grace Van Strudford's manager, announces that he has under consideration an offer to present *The Golden Butterfly* in London next Spring. One of the largest producers ever made an American star has been offered Manager Bradley for the production in the English metropolis of the De Koven-Smith opera, with Miss Van Strudford as the star, supported by the entire company now appearing with her in this country.

Frederick M. Conklin, playing Cotton, the heavy, with James Young in Brown of Harvard, has resigned from the cast and returned to his home in Brooklyn.

Helena Frederick has been engaged for the leading role in the Stange-Edwards opera now called *The Patriot*.

The "Poets' Matinee" of *The Vampire* last Thursday afternoon was a success in the point of attendance. Richard Le Gallienne, Theodore Garrison and Edwin Markham were present in the boxes and Mr. Markham made a speech.

The Mouse Trap Feller, by Franz Lehner, will be produced at the Orpheum Concert Garden this week.

Mark Swan was in Flindley, O., last week in the interests of the American Dramatists' Club, investigating cases of alleged piracy in that vicinity.

John Lund, musical director of *The Prince Donna*, and Emma Thekla, formerly a member of Fritz Schenck's company in *Mlle. Modiste*, were married at Hoboken, N. J., on Jan. 28.

Dore Davidson has purchased from John Cost his English rights for *The Man on the Box*. He will tour some through the English provinces, sailing for London for this purpose at the close of his engagement under Messrs. Wagnall and Kemper. He is also negotiating with Arthur Rouchier for a London West End production of the play. Aside from the above play Mr. Davidson has some other important productions to follow, including one of his own writing.

W. H. McGowan, *Mirror* correspondent at Urbana, O., for many years, on Jan. 14 posed for a portrait with a pile of autographs in front of him that reached to his chin. He has been twenty-one years collecting theatrical and other autographs, and the number he has assembled may be judged from this pile of books.

Mrs. Sergeant George Lansing-Lathrop, better known to her friends and the profession as *Hattie Harms*, or as *Hattie Thorp*, one of the old Union Square Theatre favorites, will leave Port Totten, L. I., where her husband is stationed in the coast artillery, on the transport *Klipschick*, sailing for the Philippines, on Feb. 15, next. Here the company is ordered for duty. Mrs. Lathrop takes this means of bidding good-by to her many friends before departing on this long journey.

The Homer Barton Summer Stock company will open its third season at Millbrook Park Casino, Portsmouth, O., on May 30, for a run of twelve weeks, presenting Kathryn Shay as leading woman. The Homer Barton company, Inc., will send Miss Shay on a road tour in a new play, opening on Sept. 1.

Montie Johnstone will spend several months longer in Italy before returning to America. He just escaped going to Southern Italy immediately before the earthquake. He is now at Genoa and expects to go soon to Capri and to Monte Carlo. He will return home about June 15.

The sixth annual Pull Dress Rehearsal of the Green Room Club will be given at the New York Theatre on Feb. 21.

Al. H. Wilson in *When Old New York Was Dutch* will come to the Metropolitan Theatre on Feb. 3.

Harriet Burt has been engaged for *The Boys and Betty*, and made her appearance last night in a Spanish dance.

Charles Walcott has been engaged for *Henrietta Crossman's* new play, to be produced in Washington on Feb. 15.

Beginning to-morrow, midweek matinees of *Kassa* will be given at the Liberty Theatre.

Margaret St. John and Ida Waterman will be in *Henrietta Crossman's* company.

Clyde Fitch's latest comedy, *The Happy Marriage*, will be produced in London with Mary Moore and Sir Charles Wyndham in the leading roles.

A burlesque of Oscar Hammerstein's recent experiences with his singers and with some newspaper men were burlesqued in *Miss Innocence* last week. Maurice Hegman appeared as the impresario, Shirley Kellog as Mary Garden, and Lillian Lorraine as Lina Cavalieri. Two new songs, "I'm Learning Something New Every Minute" and "Hello, Hello, I'm Falling in Love," were introduced last Wednesday.

Two *Mirror* representative was misinformed as to the designing of the scenery in Mrs. Leslie Carter's production of *Kassa*. The tableau curtain was designed by Mucha, but the scenery was designed, painted and built by American artists; the first act set by the P. Dodd Ackerman studio and the other acts by Homer F. Emery. Properties and furniture were made from drawings by Mucha.

Harry McRae Webster, by a special arrangement with Klaw and Erlanger, has taken the Park Theatre Philadelphia, opening on Feb. 8 with a high class stock company to be known as the Harry McRae Webster Associate Players. The company includes Ralph Stuart, John Flemming, Paul Thorne, Hugh Cameron, John Stepping, Edward Wade, Joseph Berger, Leah Winslow, Cordelia McDonald, Lottie Briscoe, Edith Wells, and Warren B. Emerson, manager. All productions will be under the personal direction of Mr. Webster.

John T. Hall, music publisher and composer, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities \$4,867 and no assets. Mr. Hall is composer of the music used in *The Queen of the Moon* in *Rouge*.

Louis J. Cody is now with *Via Wireless*, at the Chestnut Street Opera House, Philadelphia.

Marion Leslie has closed with Chancery Court's company on account of illness, and is now in St. Agnes Hospital, Philadelphia, recovering from the effects of an operation. She will be glad to receive calls from her friends.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wyatt (Maude Alice Lee), at Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 29.

The Dawn of a To-morrow Produced at the
Lyceum—Eleanor Robson's Success—Kitty
Grey at the New Amsterdam—A Stubborn
Cinderella Well Received at the Broadway—
Other Theatres.

Lycium—The Dawa of a To morrow.

Sir Oliver Holt	.....	Failey	Malcolm
Mr. Oliver Holt	.....	Wright	Malcolm
Sir Rowling Burton	.....	Paul W. Sidney	.....
Dr. Booth	.....	George Parsons	.....
Dr. Rotherby	.....	Wallace Perkins	.....
Lord Romney	.....	Alan Perkins	.....
Lord Romney	.....	Robert Perkins	.....
The W. ....	.....	Ray Fairchild	.....
Barnes	.....	Charles Brooks	.....
John	.....	Arthur Barry	.....
The Earl	.....	Walter Dickinson	.....
Lord	.....	Frank Dickinson	.....
Lord	.....	Robert C. Jay	.....
Powell	.....	Ernest H. Wallace	.....
Inspector Barnes		Henry Perrot	
Inspector Murray		Lionel Bonham	
James F. Pallen		James R. Mervatt	
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Polly		Caroline Kemps	
Feathers		Carrie Morrison	
Stead		Ada Dwyer	
Lord		Marion Dwyer	
Lord	.....	Marion Dwyer	.....
Glenn	.....	Miss Robson	.....

Mr Oliver Holt, after a long career as a London financial agent, is on the verge of a mental collapse. A trio of vipers, who have been surreptitiously overheard in consultation, have described his condition as the "beginning of the end" of the crumbling away of long active powers. Realizing that he can only live the blankness and living death of a lunatic, he has decided to write himself a will. He secretly purchases a shabby suit of clothes and a revolver and in the disguise of the former he slips away to the heart of the East End of London, where the outside of one poorly dressed poor woman attracts his attention. He notices her strange investigation. But this does not deter him. He enters Apple Blossom Court a red-headed, white-faced elf, with a philosophy of life embracing alike the sentiments of Albert Hubbard and Mary Baker Eddy. His strange contradiction comes to the downward looking girl, and she is startled. She asks him to follow her to "Chickie's best corner" etc. She introduces him to the couple life of herself and her associates, and already he is beginning to feel better. She gives her money for food—it is snatched from him and he goes to the "best corner" of the Court—and in a twinkling Mr Oliver, the man who a few hours before could scarcely speak above a whisper, who was willingly standing on the brink of death, is racing after the thief, pell-mell through the fog and rain of Apple Blossom Court, dodging passages down and up the Court, and shouting "Chickie! Chickie!" with the red-headed girl's curls in his hand. He runs more than this. He asks the girl to prove her lover and, almost at once, he is so much happier to Apple Blossom Court that he becomes much happier himself—and very much healthier.

The production given to the play by Heibler and Company is superb. The second scene of the first act, Apple Blossom Court, enveloped in fog takes rank with the last act setting of Salvation Nell and the Convent of Saint Lauka scene of Kansas. Through the thick mist as the curtain rises one sees the dim lights from the tenement windows and street lamps and hears the jangling, rattling noises from the warring inhabitants of the crumbling East End rookeries. At first one can see little. One can only hear. But as the fog rises the miserable thoroughfare comes into view, stretching its dirty way into the distance, to join some larger London street. The scene deserved the applause it received Monday night.

The Dawn of a To-morrow is a little Sunday school lesson in the power of prayer, and Miss Robson is a delightful instructor.

Saron Lebourg	Claudius Merten
Baroness Lebourg	Amalie Cramer
Helene von Brechebel	Carl Dietrich
Count von Brechebel	Oscar Fuchs
Robert von Chacerooy	Magnus Stiff
Amadeus Lebourg	Gustav Olmar
General Duke von Brich	Nicol Albrecht
Monsieur von La Vieillard	Eugen Kewerway
Margröve von Doullence	Eine Waldmann
Made von Thilsieux	Gertrud Urban
Franc	Julius Haller
Brands	Heinrich Schindler
Servant of the Countess von Brechebel	Siegfried Reinhardt

Helene von Brechebel, the daughter of Baron and Baroness Lebourg, is held up by her friends as the model of a perfect wife. Before her marriage she

This was the first production in New York, though not in America, of Bernstein's *La Rafale*, in which Rejane and Harding appeared in Paris. The German company in Cincinnati did the play on the night of Jan. 10. *La Rafale*, or *Barnstorm*, to give it its German title, is a full piece of stagecraft. It has two qualities which characterize all of Bernstein's work: movement and force. The plot is interesting and the situations are developed with the skill and cunning of a man who has the inner gift of the art of the theatre. What the author says is not always shaded or delicate, but it never fails to cross the footlights with a maximum of result. In a word, Bernstein holds his audience as few modern playwrights do. In this triangle the husband plays a very small part. He is a weakling. His place is taken by Rejane's father, whose questioning of his daughter, with its resulting disclosures, is nearly as engrossing as the big scene of *The Thief*.

A new star has risen in the theatrical firmament. Marietta Oily, leading woman of the Deutsches Theatre in Berlin, who was brought over to play the role of Helene, can easily bear comparison with any of the stars now on the local boards. She has an abundance of temperament. She can act in a high or a low key equally well. Helene is keyed very high during the greater part of the play, but Madame Oily's work never fell off. It is to be hoped that her stay here will be long, so that we may have an opportunity to see her in other parts. Claudine is a very witty spinster as Ellen Lebourg, a comic character due to the middle of the second act, and after that deeply tragic. Magnificent Stiff is a fine performance as von Chaceroz. He made the soldier of fortune a more or less sympathetic figure, a fervent lover and above all a real man, who meets his end calmly and bravely.

Broadway—A Stubborn Cinderella.

Medical play in three acts, book by Hough and Adams; music by Joseph E. Howard. Produced Jan. 25. (Mort H. Singer, manager.)

Fat	Charles Prince
Shaver	Robert Harrington
Red	Dorothy Brenner
A Tutor	Alice Dorcy
Leah	Alma
The President	Don Merrillfield
Thaddeus Leonardo	Charles Rankin
Boys	John Wheeler
Police Sergeant	Scott
"Mac"	John Barrymore
Officer	Charles Wedlake
Gird	Clarence Lutz
Colonel	Carl Marvel
Lady Leslie	Sally Fife
Lady Evelyn	Helen Sallinger
A Engineer	Don Turbett
A Friend	Charles Wedlake
An Indian	Don Merrillfield
Hotel Manager	Frank Martin

The Cinderella of the title is Lady Leslie, a Scottish young person, who has been kept unacquainted with the world. She is traveling in America with a bodyguard, on her way to become engaged to a Russian grand-duke whom she has never seen. On her first trip, she visits Cornell College to unveil a statue. Through the carlineship of a guard, she meets a student called Mac and begins to learn things she has never heard of before. Mac is mistaken for a famous sculptor and is engaged to make a statue for a party, together with some of the students, start for Los Angeles and are held up by a bandit. They finally arrive at Coronado Beach at the time of the orange riots. Lady Leslie decides not to marry the grand-duke, but to marry Mac, who has told her the story of Cinderella and made her a duchess.

This play has the spirit of youth as its main recommendation. It has snap and vim and brightness. The book possesses humor and the music is tuneful and light. Also there is a real plot with a few dramatic moments, actors capable of performing their parts, and scenery and costumes designed with evidence of taste. There are no particularly striking chorus numbers, but the members of the ensemble are generally pretty and vocally proficient.

John Barrymore and Sallie Fisher must be credited with helping the piece well on toward success. Mr. Barrymore as Mac plays the part vigorously and humorously, and makes one attempt at singing with some success. He is really funny. Miss Fisher's clear, pleasant voice and her acting ability make the character of Lady Lolo very agreeable. Her songs are "Don't Be Crossed With Me" and "When You First Kiss the Last Girl You Love." When Miss Fisher plays Lolo, the college favorite, most gracefully, she sings "Love Me Just Because" and "Don't Be Anybody's Moon but Mine." Dorothy Brenner is seen as another college girl, and she also has two songs—Adios, Señorita" and "Don't Teach Scotch Boys to Dance." James C. Marlowe as the Scotch bodyguard adds to the comedy and sings a ditty about "None but the Brave Deserve the Fair." Robert Harrington is the college boy, he loves with Lolo, and he, too, bursts into song with: "I'm in Love with All the Girls I Know." Charles Prince plays a self-important stout youth and forms one of a quartette that sings "If Brooklyn Had as Many Bachelors as New York." Only Let Poor Adam's Rib Alone." Alan Brook is used as a tutor and Ben Turbett supplies some fun as a musical engineer. Charles Ranken plays the real engineer, and the other roles are competently performed. The play deserves a long run on Broadway.

New Amsterdam—Kitty Grey.
Musical comedy in three acts, adapted from the French by J. W. Pigott, music by Lionel Monckton and Howard Talbot. Produced Jan. 25. (Charles Frohman, manager.)

The Earl of Dunston	G. P. Huntley
Sir John Rinfred	P. Pope Stamper
Ernest III	Charles
Count Trenits	Frank Perdit
Earl	Forcy Corray
Princess	Robert Corray
Puntbiche	Francis Gaillard
Joseph	Irving
Lady Rinfred	Valli Hill
Kadie Ponson	Eva Kelly
Princess Puntbiche	Barbara Huntley
Susan Rabi	Mabel Sealby
Queen of Illyria	Leary
Gladys	Forsey
Millicent	Gladys
Ethel	Millicent Forsyth
Barbara	Ethel Forsyth
Mabel	Barbara Dunbar
Dorothea	Mabel D'Este
Kitty Grey	Debbie Temple
	Julia Seiden

Kitty Grey is a popular actress who

This same story was told with more uprightness, and it must be confessed, more suggestive ones, in the *Revue* some years ago. Both dances are from the same French source. The first is the *Conte de la Reine*, once Elitzy Gray is being performed by Dan, Edie, Thomas & Bert Brooks, Joseph Chasterton, Mary Everett, Max Freeman, Mabel Gilman, Marie Goulet, Phyllis Rabin, and Carrie Perkins. In the present version the burden is carried by G. F. Mantley, Julia Sanderson, and Valli Valli. The singing of Elitzy Gray is attractive and the chorus numbers and the chorus girls are agreeable to hear and see.

Mr. Westling is a role equivalent to that played by the late Tom Daly, justifies his welcome back to America. He was remembered for his performance in "Three Little Maids," but he is re-establishing himself by his work in this part. There is nothing new about him, but he has been studying Southern's stammering, and it is no imitation of Southern. It is Hensley's own way of doing things. Julia Sanderson, very pretty and a little dumber than when she appeared last in New York, makes the role of Kitty a real creation. Her voice is good, tone, and her songs are well received. The part of the Girl Wants is now made up by Miss Gail. She is a beauty. Yes, — Mr. Soldier, — "Miss Gail." — "Kitty's Not Built That Way." Velli Velli plays the puritanical wife very daintily and is a very pretty young woman. She has one song, a duet with the amorous husband, called "The Tract." Isabel Soule acts well as Susan Bright. Kitty's daughter and Eva Kelly is bright and youthful as the mother. The character of the puritanical wife. Sadie Power does the comic parts.

The men of the cast are competent. Mr. Pope Stanger as Sir John sings well. Charles Angelo gets some humor out of the role of the King of Illyria and sings a popular number called "King Ha! Ga!" Percival Knight is a conventional comic waiter. The other roles are very

Grand Street—The End of the Trail.
Melodrama in four acts, by William Jonney. Pro-
duced Jan. 25. (Willis F. Jackson, manager.)

Bill Nichols	J. Neil McLeod
Bruce McDonald	Frank McLeod
Buddy Wynne	Robert Maryland
Horacio Hony Harman	Louis J. Leone
Arthur Ridgway	Percy Barrett
John J. McLeod	George Brown
Neely Bowers	John J. McLeod
Sheila Briggs	J. Neil McLeod
Robert Hicks	Flannery Johnston
Paul P.	Strain Lyons
Penumbra Williams	Wanda
Carole	Willa P. Jackson

The lady who suffers wrongs and persecutions, in this instance, is a plump blonde whose name is confusion of poetry and the commonplace—Dolores Hilda. She has been to Boston to study and there she is betrayed by Arthur Ridgway. She returns to the ranch of her father in New Mexico and considers her life a waste (which is a prudent marriage) until she meets her true love, a handsome man who is a perfect gentleman to her former sweetheart, Bruce McDonald. He is a true melodrama hero that he, in Bruce forgives her and promises her to marry him. But Arthur Ridgway comes to New Mexico to represent the Eastern stockholders in the ranch of which the girl's father is part owner. He is a very handsome young man, but his eyes are casted in a malicious way on his former victim, Dolores. He bribes a half-breed Apache to kill the girl's father and contrives to have McDonald accused of the crime. Things look very black for Bruce. But at the last moment the Apache confesses to the murder and states that he was paid by Ridgway. The man who tempted him to do it. Declared that he would be free to love and marry the pretty and plump Dolores.

The End of the Trail lacks several of the worst faults of diatripe melodrama. It isn't altogether illogical, and the most glaring inconsistencies occur in the character drawing rather than in the construction of the story. Carlsile, for instance, is described as a half-breed Apache and Mexican who has been educated at Carlisle and West Point. There is nothing in his demeanor or appearance to bear out the latter statement. He appears to be the lowest type of drunken and ignorant redskin. As such Mr. Jackson acts the part very well indeed, but there is nothing in his interpretation to suggest that Carlsile has profited by a stay at Carlisle or West Point. The illness of George Meralot necessitated his absence from the cast, and Frederick Loomis, who played Bruce McDonald the larger part of last season, is again in the same role during the Grand Street engagement. Fortunately, Mr. Loomis has acquired no melodramatic tricks, and his methods are quiet, logical.

Robert Harland furnished some hearty laughs as Buddy Wynne, and J. Neil McLeod "doubled" two characters adequately. More than a passing word is due Percy Herbert. In an unpleasant role he was forceful and convincing, and his Arthur Ridgway was one of the most clean-cut bits of work seen at Grand Street this season. He did not tear, rant nor swear, and altogether was a most satisfactory reprobate. Jerome Brunner and John Palmer were quite likable when they refrained from singing. Lionel Lyons was an indifferent Harmon. Helen Vaughn Jackson displayed some little talent as a comedienne. Evelyn Lyons acted very well, sang prettily and danced terribly. The wronged Dolores was Florence Johnstone, and she was so pretty and plump that one couldn't blame Bruce for being perfectly mad over her. Mr. Jackson is his own manager, and the settings and stage management were a bit better.

Next week is gala week at Grand Street, for Louise Beaton (Mrs. A. H. Woods) is to appear in Theodore Kremer's Rachel Goldstein, after an absence from the stage of five years.

West End—The Pied Piper.
The West End Theatre on Jan. 25 saw De Wolf Hopper opening to a large week's business at this house. The Pied Piper met with favor and found many old friends who had seen Mr. Hopper early in the season in this musical comedy. The audience called on Mr. Hopper for a speech on Monday night, and he responded gracefully to the enthusiastic welcome given him. Florence Nash, Marguerite Clark, Ada Deaves, and William Cammeron all found favor with the audience. This week, Dustin Farnum in The Squaw Man.

At Other Playhouses.

WEBER'S.—The Girl from Rector's, a farce from the French, was produced here last night, replacing Joe Weber and his company.

KNICKERBOCKER.—Fritz Scheff in The Prima Donna ended her run here Saturday night to make room for Elaine Janis in The Fair Co-Ed.

Hudson.—The Third Degree replaced Ethel Barrymore in Lady Frederick last night.

GARDEN.—Benjamin Chapin in Lincoln at the White House will be the attraction here Friday and Saturday nights. The house will be dark the remainder of the week.

YORKVILLE.—Mildred Holland began an indefinite engagement here last week, opening with *The Power Behind the Throne*. This week she presents *The Royal Divorce*, for the first time in New York.

Metropolis.—The Charity Ball, presented by Hurtig and Seamon's stock company, was well received here last week. This week Andrew Mack in Sergeant Darril McGee.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—Hattie Williams in Fluffy Rufus was last week's attraction at this house, to be followed this week by George M. Cohan in The Yankee Prince.

MISS CROSNAN FREE OF DEBT

Henrietta Crossman, who filed a petition in bankruptcy on Dec. 30, 1907, as Henrietta Crossman Campbell, obtained a discharge in bankruptcy on Jan. 25 from Judge Holt of the United States District Court. Her liabilities were \$46,880. Maurice Campbell, her husband, who filed a petition in bankruptcy at the same date, was discharged on Dec. 21 last.

**The Tragedian Receives a Gold Medal—A New
Electro-Carusso's Marriage—A Monument
to Elster—Maccagnani's Enthusiasm—
Notes of the Roman Stage.**

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

Rome, Jan. 10.—Casanova's Marriage is the only real novelty we have had in Rome this winter. The majority of other offerings have been translations from foreign authors. Casanova is a character taken from life. He lived in 1755, and the play deals with his love affair with Cecilia Valentinia, the daughter of a rich count of Venice.

No theoretical historians or critics have yet been able to explain the use of the name of "Guignol" in French and "Burrattini" in Italy. The earliest notice of this stage which I have discovered in my studies, goes as far back as ancient Egypt, and thence moves on to Greece and Rome, where it was originally a simple religious performance of satirical little plays, very rarely intended to make children laugh. It was the French men who had translated Goethe's Faust did not disdain to write plays for the Italian "Burrattini" or the French "Guignol" stage. Meanwhile the French soon persuaded that "Guignol" (French and Judy) is decidedly of French origin, that they have been celebrating his centenary at Lyons last year, in fact, that the first French "Guignol" made his debut in France. But the Italian "Burrattini" are much older than the French "Guignol." Yet no centenary festivals have taken place in Rome or in any other town in this Land of Joy and of Suffering. Italians are now too austere to take pleasure in the antics of their actresses (especially in "wooden" Actresses).

Our theatergoers are not giving translations in abundance, there being no good "original" novelties in the field. The best translation which has come to light, as yet, is Hochmeister's *Biettra*, which has been splendidly translated by Otto Schauer. This modern *Biettra* is a kind of parody of the ancient *Biettra* (as if the "ancient" tragedy were written for children, with children's troubles alone explained therein). Old people, however, are now enjoying this new *Biettra*. There is something of Oscar Wilde and of I'Annunzio in it. The play opens with a demonic murmur of slave voices around a well in the courtyard of an ancient royal palace.

These slaves or servants have all the vices of their station and profession. They all speak evil of their masters, just as servants now do. There is one exception to these evil tongues, the only one friend that poor Elettra has. But this one friend is a poor fellow from being ill-treated, abused and even beaten by all the others. This ill-treatment changes the girl into a human animal which dreams only of revenge. Nothing womanly remains in her. Only one thought possesses her. She breathes only blood—to kill those who have reduced her to her present condition. She is mad. Her father is dead, her brother is hiding from his enemies. She is alone in the misery. By and by the scene is wrapped in flames, the palace on fire, and Elettra is accused of having set it on fire. Hearing this, Elettra falls to the ground as one dead. But she is not dead, and she lives to see her brother return from his hiding place. The meeting of the brother and sister is powerfully given here and makes even strong eyes dim with tears. German critics call this German Elettra a "character study." It is not. This, however, is the most unjust, and the public was least unjust, for it applauded the play from beginning to end. True, it was magnificently given. Elettra, especially was superbly acted by Emilia Varini. She was strong, terrible and furious in speech and gesture. At times she spoke a little too quickly, in Italian fashion, but she was always a pleasure.

The men were all perfect in their parts, but they have very little to do in this tragedy, which seems to have been written for "women only." There is no mistake, however: the play is a genuine success here. It is well translated, well acted and well staged. It is also the only real novelty of any value that has been presented here this season.

A gold medal is to be presented to Tommaso Salvini in a few days' time. It will be presented to him in the Capitol, and all the amateurs of art are invited to the ceremony.

There has also been a grand evening performance at the Argentina Theatre in honor of the Argentinean, who was the very greatest Othello that the world has known. We will remember the day when all the greatest artists in London offered him a "farewell" at the great theatre that could be procured, and this great Italian Shakespearean was covered with flowers and was finally crowned with a wreath of honor, which was lowered from above onto his head, and, if I remember rightly, it was the now Lady Bancroft who fixed the crown upon his head. The performance, which was given at our Argentina Theatre, was to celebrate the sixtieth birthday of the artist. His son, Gustavus, appeared in one of his favorite parts, and the celebrated Virginia Martin, now retired from the stage, recited a poem written in honor of "Salvini the Great," during which every one shouted in many languages, "Salvini! Salvini!" and "Many more happy returns of the day!"

Salvin's greatest compatriot, Adelaide Ristori, is to have a national monument erected to her memory at her native town. Civalda dei Fiumi, the Italian Ambassador to England, the Marquis San Guiliame, initiated this scheme, and it is immediately approved of by all the most prominent artists in England. The Prince and Princess of Wales are presidents of the scheme, and among its members are the Hon. Whitehall Reid, the United States Ambassador; the Russian Ambassador, the Austrian Ambassador, the Belgian Ambassador and other prominent diplomats of the civilized world. Beerbohn Tree and Sir W. G. Gilbert are on the committee, and all the greatest actors in London will take a part in the programme, which will comprise scenes from all the plays in which Ristori was the greatest exponent, ending with a scene entitled "The Apotheosis of Adelaide Ristori."

Maucagni has been receiving a series of ovations at the concert of the Santa Cecilia Musical Academy, in Rome. On one occasion he had to direct a performance of the "Hymn of Garibaldi," which was received with almost mad enthusiasm and after this he received a bronze statue of Liberty from one of the ladies present. Another lady presented him with another bronze statue, and still another presented him with a gold ice cream service. Finally, the orchestra presented him with a gold card with a valuable box to keep it in. Maucagni is a wonderful success in Rome, whatever he may be elsewhere. To see him conduct an orchestra is a lesson for the young. His enemies say that he is "bad tempered," but that shows a "good heart," and a "good heart" covers a multitude of sins. If popular sayings may be believed.

S. P. O. R.

MISSING ACTOR DISCOVERED.

Alexander Graus, who was reported as missing early last week, was discovered at the home of F. C. Whitney at Port Chester, N. Y. Mr. Graus had been ill, and when his family learned that he had not gone to visit relatives, as he had intended, they became alarmed and notified the police.

PRESS AGENT IN AN AUTO.

George A. Florida, advance agent for Married for Money, is making his "jumps" in an automobile this season. He won the machine at a raffle and has been using it for touring purposes all season. His wife and daughter are traveling with him.

THE MATINEE GIRL.

BREEZY COMMENTS ON MATTERS THAT INTEREST THE PROFESSION.

Authors Beyond the Footlights—A Letter from May Irwin—Dramatic in the Sunshine—A Poet and an Actor—A Little Humor.

"O THAT!" sighed a girl who sat in front of me. She sighed again. "O that!"

"That?" was the author of the play. He was having his wide smile of appreciation of the audience's appreciation of his play. Clearly the audience's appreciation gave the young person of pleasure and childish pain in her committee.

Why the pain? Because the author had wandered outside his frame into one that was unbecoming. And she sat in his library shelves she would have been a character. And she even had a little humor. But on the colored stage, where a moment before the creature of his fancy had lived in flesh and in Director's gown or costume of hair. The big, lonely stage, and the white dots he supposed were faces in front of him. He was as apt as a schoolboy on his first "recitation day." The artistic smiles were destroyed by his appearance. He was a bad break in the scene of the play.

Next audience. They were not born to bloom on the stage. Remember this, Channing Pollock ran out of the theatre to telephone the future Mrs. Pollock he thought on the whole it was going well, when the audience shouted for him after a third act of one of his plays.

Authors are authors. They are not heroes, and compared with the hero of the play who has just glowed before our vision they look most unheroic. Augustus Thomas is a broad-shouldered, of an easy mind and pose, as any of his male heroes, but who also is as favored by Nature?

And the women who write plays? I recall one woman who resembles the duchess she calls herself. But one! The white heat of the soul out of which furnace come plays, and the business conference with indecisive managers, leave the female folk who give us drama worn remnants of humanity, properly disinclined to exhibition on first nights.

Let's spare them. Why see the author. We are happier in most instances for having consumed them in drama.

"O that!"

"What has become of May Irwin?" we who enjoy wholesome laughter and love wholesome women have asked each other for a fortnight.

In St. Louis pneumonia failed her with a stealthy blow and held her choking grasp upon her until the telegram that came from the southwestern city to the metropolis concerning her was grave indeed. There were no merry May Irwins in them, none of the droll quips that made us ever cheer for a laugh on us, at us or with us when she lent her beneficent presence, or when, touring, she flashed us a gay message from some definite point in that region of indolence, the road.

Instead there was a bodiless silence from her, and from the husband and son that watched beside her, brief messages devoid of that meaning for which we all searched them. Nowhere in any of them was the word "better."

Then came the message, "Off for Hot Springs. Hope for benefit." And after that silence. And her question asked on the Radio by persons with grave eyes: "What has become of May Irwin?"

While I write comes a plump letter on thick paper with an orange scent about it. It is from "Merritt Island, Indiana, Fla.," and dated Jan. 25. It is signed in fairly firm hand, "May Irwin Elsiefeld." And this is part of what lay between:

"You would turn a pale pos green with splashes of melon color if you could see me here, in a glamping dress living a simple life on the banks of this glorious Indian River. I never believed I could be a party to such idleness. I just dream away the days in this everlasting sunshine and consider the time well spent, for I have my nerves ironed out straight again and feel like a different being."

"We came down here without a plan. All I could think of was getting away where I was not known and resting and forgetting work. I have succeeded, and am feeling fine. We stopped at Jacksonville for a few days, then came down to Rock Lodge on the East Coast, stayed overnight at a hotel in the middle of a jungle, and from the banks of the river we saw this island and came over. We found a boarding place kept by the dearest old woman and have been here ever since, fishing, hunting, going into the kitchen and cooking when I feel like it."

"The house is in the heart of an orange grove, and we have helped pick and pack oranges, grape fruit, lemons and guavas. The front lawn goes down to the river bank and is full of tall palm trees and beautiful flowers, and in this summerland it is impossible for me to believe it can be below zero anywhere, but I know it must be, for Walter in his last letter told me he went over to the island from Clayton in a sleigh, and also that 'my friend the plumber went through the ice, sleigh and horse and all.'"

"Half a mile back, through a perfect jungle, where alligators live and cannibals, and moccasins, snakes and lizards abound, in Banana Creek, where the fishing is fine and wild ducks are most plentiful. I will tell you when I see you of our dinners out there in a palmetto grove, of game and fish and oysters taken out of the creek and cooked at once."

"I haven't any plans. You can't imagine how restful it is sometimes to have no plans. I hope nothing tempting will offer to take me back from this lazy life until the birds fly north in the direction of Irwin Island, when we will be ready to go with them, for after all there is no place like home, sweet home. But this is the next best."

"There is tidings of how her two big boys, doubting the truth of a telegram, 'No danger,' had journeyed South to verify it with their own loving, anxious eyes."

"And so we leave her on the island in Indian River, leave her to dream, who has done so much. Happy May Irwin!"

A poet strayed into Maxine Elliott's Theatre and from the rear of the gold and brown temple of comedy watched Maxine Elliott in pink pouring tea for her guests after the professional matinee.

"God was in a good humor when He made Maxine Elliott," reflected the poet.

Then came wandering by Tommy Thorne, who plays the bad count in The Chaperon. Tommy held a plate bearing pistache layer cake in one hand and a cup of chocolate in the other.

"Hello, old fellow!" In this wise he saluted the man with dreams in his eyes. "Saw your last book yesterday. Read some of it, by Jove."

"Ah! Where?"

"Conundrum. What is the loneliest spot in the world, the place where nobody ever goes?"

"What?"

"The library at the Lamba."

ist, who is related to the stage by marriage, "never unless he lost a dime."

In one of the noisier of the musical comedies a bright-faced young woman in gray, with scarlet sleeves at her belt and in her hair, was adrift with enthusiasm when the gyrations of the chorus whirled her into the front row, all inaudible and dejection when it relegated her to the side, for she was never in the rear.

The young woman was sulking. She knew where she belonged. It was by right of her cleverness, her good looks, her chic manner, hers to stand where all might see and admire her, without the temporary eclipse of any intervening young person. The girl in the sulks didn't know it, but she was playing a universal type. She symbolized a mood that every one knows, a mood misanthropic and terrible, that state of mind in which we lose into savagery and show our teeth at a world that we fancy does not appreciate our talents, or has formed a conspiracy against our advancement.

An ugly word in that "conspiracy." It is first on the lips of the lunatic, last on the tongue of the alienist whose testimony condemns him to a life inured. It is well for all sane persons to use it sparingly and carefully. Besides, it is based upon a more or less mythical idea. When we have used our utmost energies for success, which is a synonym for doing good work, we have no dramatic force left for the undermining of others. That is a comic fact. It is well to recognize and so nullify the obsession of "conspiracy."

Dark discouragement stalks through the silence, an occasional specter for us all. Hitching our wagon to a star involves many joits. But the greatest menace to us all is to allow the spectre to obscure the path of our aims. We must not heed the joits and forget the goal. The time we lose in mourning our own disappointments might have been spent in changing them into a more cheerful aspect.

Now, if the girl in gray had not scowled at the woman in yellow and the other woman in blue who whirled her, the time out of sight of the audience, but had kept the alert posture and vivacious expression that had charmed us while she was in full view, or if she had spent that moment of obscurity in resting and gathering strength for the next whirlwind to the fore—her work would have gained and her ambitions been by so much forwarded.

If the girl in gray had learned the gospel of individuality! Until two persons are born absolutely alike, a feat the Creator has never yet achieved, there should be no jealousy. No one can do the work of another. Sue's comedy is a bit different from Mary's. It would be bringing things for Mary to imitate Sue or Sue to imitate Mary. Sue should develop Sue's comedy to the uttermost and Mary the Mary's variety. If the scowling young person in gray had said to herself, "Some may prefer blue and others yellow, but there are those who like gray best. And I shall be gray, as gray as I can be, and persons shall go home remembering the girl in gray," one would have remembered her without the draperies of swirling blue and yellow girl which we had forgotten had she not herself challenged attention for them.

Be individual, as individual as you can without being bizarre. The time you spend in decrying another's success might win your own.

Don't whine. Work!

The step from light to grand opera is as perilous as the crossing of one of the swaying rope bridges across a mountain chasm in that America which lies south of us. But Diamond Donner, having courageously crossed the unsteady bridge, warbles triumphantly on the other side. She is with the Abramson Italian Opera company, and she has turned our critics sweet by her singing of Olga in Fedora and Nedda in Pagliacci.

Wherever Maude Fealey is there is home, if she can make it so. Miss Fealey's favorite color is rose, and she carries with her on tour draperies of that color which, tossed over the dimmest of hotel couches and the most weather-beaten trunks and chairs, makes a one-night-stand hotel bloom as a rose.

There isn't in the dramatic profession a better story teller than Nell O'Brien. N. C. Goodwin's man Friday. Across the table I heard him tell of his disconcerting encounter at a chop-house with a black-browed person who Mr. O'Brien believed, bore all the signs of a wanderer from the Orient. The time when he was director of an opera company in the Orient being tenderly present in his mind, he bent upon the stranger a look of friendly regard.

Mr. O'Brien looking at his watch saw that it was a quarter past one. Again he bent the friendly look upon his neighbor.

"Is this chota-bara (breakfast) or tiffin (luncheon)?" He poured the query forth in musical half-Hindoostani.

He of the black brows stared at the ragout he had ordered and fished with his fork for a tender square of beef, looking critically at it.

"If I know what it is, he answered."

THE MATINEE GIRL.

BENEFIT FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN.

Among those who have volunteered their services for the benefit for the Home for Destitute Crippled Children, to be held at the New York Theatre next Sunday night, are Anna Held, Blanche Ring, Josephine Cohan, Emma Carus, Elsie Ray, Belle Fisher, Vesta Victoria, Lucy Weston, Maude Nugent, De Wolf Hopper, Charles Bigelow, Raymond Hitchcock, George (Honey-boy) Evans, Julian Eltinge, Victor Moore, George M. Cohan, Eddie Leonard, Montgomery and Moore, Tom Lewis, Sam J. Ryan, Frank Fogarty, the Empire City Quartette, Jerome and Schwartz, Clifton Crawford, Matthews and Ashley, Hoey and Lee, Cliff Gordon, Bert Levy, Bobby North, Grace Hazard, and Max Schmidt's New York Theatre orchestra. Reynold Shields and Joseph Humphreys will be in charge of the stage and announce the different players as they appear. One of Hammerstein's Manhattan Opera House singers is also expected.

AMUSEMENT COMPANIES INCORPORATED.

The Lanster Rigmorale Amusement Company, of Brooklyn, having a capital of \$9,000, has been incorporated with the Secretary of State at Albany with these directors: August F. Lanster, Paterson, N. J.; John J. Egan and James J. Long, Brooklyn. The following music publishing companies have also filed articles of incorporation: The North American Music Publishing Company, New York; capital, \$750,000; directors, Isador D. Brokaw and J. William Hill, New York, and John W. Van Gordon, Brooklyn. The York Music Company, New York; capital, \$2,000; directors, Albert Von Tilzer, Jacob L. Gumm, and Anthony Kasper, New York. Co-operative Music Publishing Company, New York; capital, \$25,000; directors, H. J. Wood and Mabel A. Wood, Brooklyn, and H. G. Pelletier, New York.

EDNA WALLACE HOPPER SUE.

Charles E. Littlefield, as trustee in bankruptcy for A. O. Brown and Company, defunct brokerage firm, filed papers in an action in the United States District Court on Jan. 27 against Edna Wallace Hopper and A. O. Brown, as head of the bankrupt firm, asking the defendants to account for the value of an automobile and a life insurance policy.

GERMAN MORALITY PLAY.

Members of the Grolier Club gave a performance of the German morality play, Deposito Corrupti Typographic, at the clubhouse on East Thirty-second Street last Thursday night. The characters were assumed by Henry McMahon Painter, Henry Watson Kent, Ingalls Kimball, William M. Irwin, Jr., Howard Mansfield, and Paul B. Haviland.

NEWS FROM CHICAGO.

MUCH ACTIVITY IN LOCAL PLAYHOUSES AND PRODUCTION SHOPS.

The Renegade—Warrens of Virginia—Girls of Gottenberg—At Vaudeville Theatres—News of Plays and Players.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Changes at the theatres this week bring a new play, The Renegade, to the Studebaker, opening to-night, and The Man of the Hour to McVicker's. Two theatres are dark, the La Salle, where The Golden Girl will be produced on Feb. 15, and the Princess, where The Prince of To-night will be produced on Feb. 8.

The first opportunity to see The Great Divide at popular prices will be given at McVicker's in the early Spring, with Henry Miller in the cast. Lillian Russell will be Will J. Davis' valentine this year, beginning an engagement in Wildfire at the Illinois on Feb. 14.

W. F. Coner, who managed the famous tent tour of Bernhardt and is now one of the owners of the Studebaker, George Tyler, of Lieber and Company, and Hugh Edwards, the general stage director, will be in a party at the Studebaker to-night for the first performance of The Renegade.

The Warrens of Virginia, with Frank Keenan, will be at the Garrick beginning on Feb. 21. The play has the prestige of 300 nights in the Belasco and Stuyvesant theatres, New York. The scenes are in the Rappahannock Valley, and Mr. Belasco's genius found full play in the stage pictures. The company will include Violet Rand, William McVay, Charles D. Waldron and Christine Norman. Mr. Keenan plays General "Back" Warren.

Donald Robertson will do a play this week, Wednesday, by Hamlin Garland, the novelist, at the Art Institute. It is called The Miller of Rosebud.

Cecil Lean and Florence Holbrook are not to be in The Golden Girl at the La Salle. They are considering vaudeville and other offers.

The Melting Pot is nearing its 200th performance in the city, distributed among three theatres, the Garrick, Grand and Chicago Opera House, where it is now. The excellent company headed by Walker Whiteside has not been changed.

Rose Stahl and company of The Chorus Lady passed through the city last week, personally conducted by Harry Davis, manager, formerly press director of the Studebaker for many seasons.

The Girls of Gottenberg seems to have pleasantly surprised the critics. It is classy, rich, original and useful, and the audiences at the Illinois have not been reluctant in showing their approval. Louis Drusser, May Naudain, Almes Angeles, James V. Blakey, Overton Moyle, Lionel MacKinder, John E. Hazard, Ross Clifford, Edward Garvie, Warwick Wellington and Ernest Comart are chiefly responsible for the success of the acting and singing. The setting of the last act makes a stage picture of surpassing beauty.

Leo Dietrichstein's little comedy, Who's Got the Button, well played by himself and company, fitted nicely into vaudeville at the Majestic last week. Miss L. F. Feltz was his leading woman. The button is a red one fallen from the dress of a former sweetheart, and sewed on the sleeve of a dentist's coat by himself to remind him occasionally, while at work, to run in and make love to his wife. She discovers where the button came from. He does not know but soon finds out.

The Polles of 1908 will return to Chicago, at the Auditorium, on Feb. 8.

Henry Woodruff will head the musical company at the Princess in the new production, A Prince of To-night.

Adelaide Kelm as the "other girl" in Augustus Thomas' play at the Bush Temple, George Allison as the fighting parson, and Barry O'Neill as Kid Garvey were most popularly cast as far as the audience was concerned. Jane Gail did the infatuated young woman.

Manager W. W. Wittig of the Lyric, Minneapolis, was in the city last week calling on local stock managers with a view to forming an organization of stock managers for mutual help. He expected the membership at first would be chiefly in the Middle West and Northwest.

Joseph O'Mara, the tenor, in Peggy Marches, will be at McVicker's beginning Feb. 14.

George Klimpt will make the Bijou a stock theatre beginning Feb. 21, for the rest of this season and maybe all of next.

Sydney C. Gibson, Florence Williams, and the De Haven Sextet, Raymond and Caverly, and Harry Webb with many new and good things in his monologue, were among the hits at the Majestic last week. The Windobona musical act and Ben Welch in Hebrew and Italian characters also got a great deal of applause. Mr. Webb and Mr. Welch introduced serious recitations which went surprisingly well.

There was a large audience at the American Music Hall Wednesday afternoon, which seemed to enjoy the whole bill. Maude Odell exhibited her physical symmetry. Manuel Romaine sang "I Wish I Had a Girl" and other songs, and William Courtright and company played Peaches with complete success.

Drury Underwood, formerly of the Garrick and other local theatres, has joined the publicity bureau of William Morris' local interests, including the American Music Hall.

Manager Ed Clifford, of the National, Englewood, has Texas as his bill this week, with Claire Fuller, Monica Lee, Natalie Perry, Vernon Wallace, Louis Thiel, and Edward Archer in the company.

Charles E. Blaney's Dakota military romance, A Child of the Regiment, which has just as good a Gatling gun as The Sound Up and more Indians and thrills, is at the Criterion this week.

Bronco Bob, affixed to a wild steer, will "race for life" with an Indian maid riding a wild bronco bareback in The Cowboy and the Squaw at the Academy this week.

Manager Morton Singer, Joseph Howard, Frank Adams, Will Hough, Percy Hammond, the Post critic, and other Chicagoans, went to New York for the Stubborn Cinderella opening on Broadway.

Luck and folly are linked at the Bijou this week in A. H. Wood's The Prince of Swindlers. Mr. Wood presents, & is Frohman, the swindler in nineteen scenes of supreme cyclonic sensation requiring fourteen wagon loads of scenery and twenty-two selected players.

Philip Schlike, son of Gus Schlike, the producer of The Isle of Spice and other La Salle and Whitney successes, was brought to this city from Racine College for an operation last week.

W. Edmund Fox has retired from the Parsifal company and resumed his presentation of his "habitant" impersonations here. He is at work on a "habitant" sketch for himself in vaudeville.

Grace Van Studdford while in town recently visited the scenes of her student days, the Chicago Medical College. She came to Chicago with her sister, Maud Quivley, who was a pupil of Dr. Ziegfeld and taught in the college's preparatory school.

On the bill of the benefit for the Chicago Charity Hospital at the Colonial Thursday afternoon there will be two new acts, candidates for vaudeville rewards: Aladdin Up-to-Date, by George U. Stevenson, of this city, and a concentrated extract of A Parisian Romance, presented by David B. Galloway, Maud White, Grace Estill and others. In Aladdin, which is Chinese, Edgar Don Sang son of a Chinese physician of this city, will appear, also Robert Kai Lyman, a relative of the Ah Fong Chicago comedian.

The Parisian Romance playlet is composed of the scene with the doctor, the scene between the two young gentlemen, and the famous banquet scene. There are nine in the cast.

Fred Warren and Al Blanchard reappeared at the Olympic Music Hall last week. Mr. Blanchard's voice and Mr. Warren's dusky maiden made hits as usual.

Severin heads the American Music Hall bill this week with Clarice Vance, Maud Odell, Jamie McCree in The Man from Denver and others prominent on the list.

At the Majestic this week are William Rock

and Maud Fulton, Ellis Nowlan Comedians, Lillian Mortimer and company, Warren and Blanchard, Ollie Young and Brothers, Henry Horton and company, Les Four Orans, Three Westerns, Majestic Trio and others.

Three Twins is to make a one-night of Chicago in the near future at the Grand Opera House.

The musical play, In Wyoming, which has been on tour in the West this season, is to be seen at the Great Northern next summer.

Manager B. C. Whitney, of the Whitney, will submit A Broken Idol in New York, with Olla Harlan as his star, of course; and he has in preparation a new production for the Whitney next season. The book will be by Hal Stepien, author of The Broken Idol.

A special dramatization of the story of Cinderella by Manager Tannauer, of the Bush Temple, will soon be produced at that theatre. It will be spectacular. A crystal slipper will be on exhibition in the lobby, and a sum of money will be given to the woman whose foot will fit it.

Chester W. Church, assistant treasurer of the Grand Opera House, and Isaac Engelhart, of this city, a non-professional, were married a week ago last Thursday. They are spending their honeymoon in Cleveland.

Birdie Beaumont emerged from the chorus at the Whitney recently and took Helen Berger's part, Marie De Deus, in The Broken Idol, on extremely short notice. She had attracted attention as a dancer. She played the part exceptionally well.

The Nell Brinkley production is to be seen at the Auditorium soon.

Gil Brown, stage-manager of the late Garden Theatre, has gone into vaudeville as a dancer with eight young women to support him.

W. L. Ruppert, formerly treasurer of the Bush Temple Theatre and College, has been appointed treasurer of the American Music Hall.

The new stock company at the Bijou will be called the George Klimt Players. There will be only five matinees a week, those of Wednesday and Friday being omitted.

Elsie Coney, James Nelson, George Thompson, Mary Moore, Maud Cleveland, and others will be in The Home Run company, supporting Jo Tinker, the ball player, when his tour opens at Racine, Feb. 7.

Charles Thatcher, who was a bame with Harry's Minstrels, has removed to Chicago from Boston.

The excellent series of Frederick Remington pictures and poses, with an ingeniously conceived horse, will be seen in the West soon where Kid Gabriel and company will present them, beginning at Spokane this week. Harry McCabe and Samuel Cottrill are in the company.

Frank Oakes Rose was in the city recently on his way to Minneapolis to stage a special production of Shenandoah.

Louis Kalso did Toby Lyons comedy part at the Garden during its closing week of musical comedy on short notice and made good.

The Round Up closed with a week of big houses at McVicker's, and Madyn Arbuckle got a reception "at each performance. The rest of the company, notably Florence Bonwell as Bess, Minnie Barrett as Polly, Marie Taylor as Josephine, Harold Hartell as Buck McKee, Orme Calhoun as Jack Payson, Walter Pennington as Sage Brush, and John J. Pierson as Peruna, held the performance up to a Broadway finish.

Messrs. Kahn and Mack, who have come to Chicago from San Francisco, announce that they are preparing to send out The Jolly Vaseur Girl, Brownie in Toyland and other productions, including musical comedies and melodramas.

The bills this week: Studebaker, The Renegade; Garrick, Lulu Glaser in Mlle. Mischief; Whitney, A Broken Idol; Auditorium, The West and The Baby; Bush Temple, Cinderella; Chicago Opera House, The Melting Pot with Walker Whiteside; Colonial, The Best Kiss with Genes; Powers, John Drew in Jack Straw; McVicker's, The Man of the Hour; National, Texas; Great Northern, Williams and Walker; College, Lovers Lane; Mariows, Lena Rivers; People's, Before and After; International, Abramson's Italian Grand Opera company; Columbia, East Lynne; Academy, The Cowboy and the Squaw; Bijou, The Prince of Swindlers; Alhambra, Messenger Boy 42; Criterion, A Child of the Regiment.

At the Haymarket this week: Genaro's Band, Julie Ring, the Grassies, Mable Mattland, La Vine and Leonard, the Wilson Brothers, and others.

The Olympic Music Hall this week: Hanger Sisters, Silver and Nelson, who were the chief clowns with Barnum and Bailey for eleven years; Snyder and Buckley, Two Pucks, Ollie Young and others.

At the Star this week: Henry Horton and company, La Zar and La Zar, Herbert Benson and Helen Downing, Blisset and Scott, Carter and Buford, Ed Elsie Gibson, Gladish and Blake.

The Vampire is coming to the Grand Opera House on Feb. 7 from New York.

Marie Cahill in The Boys and Betty will come to the Colonial Feb. 14.

Manager Herbert Duce announces The Blue House with Mabel Harrison for the Summer at the Garrick.

The Top of the World will be at the Grand Opera House for two performances Sunday, Feb. 14.

John Drew's annual engagement begins to-night, in the new English play, Jack Straw, with Rose Coghlan very conspicuous in the cast.

Grand opera has fared fairly well at the International since the opening last week. The Abramson company contains some good voices. Madame Helena Therry commanded admiration both for her singing and her acting of the title-role. Sig. Gravini received much praise for his part, which he sang richly and powerfully. Giordano's Fedora, based on the novel, will be sung this week; Gioconda Thursday and Saturday nights.

An act from Mignon will be sung in Music Hall by pupils of the Chicago Musical College Saturday at 11 o'clock a.m., Feb. 6, under the direction of William Castle, who was Emma Abbott's famous tenor and leading man.

Arnold Daly's play, now called The Strong People, is built on a revolt of labor against capital, with the national guard called out and a bloody and fatal collision between the strikers and troops. One of the company whose plant is involved goes among the working people disguised as a newspaper reporter, and won over to their side and falls in love with a young woman, one of the leaders of the unions. The three scenes are in the headquarters of the troops, the shoe-shop of the grandfather of the strike leader, the private apartments of the colonel commanding the troops. The scene of Act IV is the same as Act I. There is much discussion of the relation of capital and labor and man's inhumanity to man. This dialogue, it is chiefly in that form is clever and pointed, but there is too much of it at present, giving the play the character of debate rather than the spirit of the drama. Women at the theatre do not like so much talk about capital and labor and business, though they are thrilled with many speeches when the heart is involved. The heart interest in this play is rather small. There is only one woman in it.

After The Newlyweds and Their Baby has run its course in the dollar atmosphere it will be a strong bill in the dollar atmosphere. Jimmy Rosen as the baby adds a character to the comedy creations of the American stage. His squall and his d-d-as are perfect accomplishments of their kind, and he has filled out the business most cleverly. George P. Murphy, Jr., with his Louis Mann dialect, and Irving Brooks as another entertaining German, became popular with the audience. William Clifton rather overdoes Newlywed, but it is a difficult part. Ruby Ray is Mrs. Newlywed, with an excellent dance, and the contrasts sold of Florida Arcaro is one of the hits. Alfred Grady as the beef made it one of the best hits of recent sociological histrionism. The production is exceedingly handsome, unusually thoughtful and leaves a good, wholesome impression. The attendance has been fair.

A new melodrama by Langdon McCormick, author of Out of the Fold, found immediate favor at the Bijou last week. A young actor, Harold Vosberg, headed the company, playing West, the expert telegrapher, exceptionally well. The rest of the company was good, and the drama or more good regular melodrama scenes were thoroughly well staged.

OTIS COLASCH.

BOSTON
Billie Burke Canceled—The Pied Piper
—Hattie Williams—Other Attractions.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—The opening of Billie Burke in Love Watches, at the Hollis, has been postponed on account of her illness. She canceled the two nights which had been booked in Hartford, and came on to Boston with her company straight from Springfield, so as to get in better condition for the opening of her engagement at the Hollis. She was suffering from blood poisoning resulting from a slight cut upon one of her hands, and the last night before her enforced vacation she played with her doctor upon the stage ready for any emergency.

The Wolf Hopper opened to a splendid audience at the Majestic in The Pied Piper, playing the new comic opera with all the cast which had been engaged in the presentation in New York, and repeating the same success. He will stay here only a fortnight, then John Mason will open in The Witching Hour. The Sidiian Players ended their stay at the Majestic auspiciously, but they will not carry away from Boston enough money to rebuild the cities destroyed by the earthquake.

Hattie Williams is the newcomer at the Park, presenting Fluffy Ruffles, the second of the cartoon musical comedies to reach here in a short time. The personal popularity of Miss Williams in her girlhood home was enough to make this an unusual success. The Little Cherub, William Morris, who saved The Soul Kiss when R. C. Hertz was ill, is now the chief comedian in Fluffy Ruffles.

Victor Moore gives the Tremont an innovation, the first star of the season, opening his engagement in February, but that is explained by the long runs of The Merry Widow and Follies of 1908. Mr. Moore had not been seen here since he first came here with Fay Templeton in Forty-five Minutes from Broadway. Consequently he had a lively greeting in The Talk of New York, which opened a fortnight to-night, and his slang seemed livelier than ever.

The Time, the Place and the Girl, which was the first of the Chicago musical comedies to be sent by Harry Askin to Boston, is back again for another engagement, but this time it is appealing to the popular priced audience, and judging by the opening, meeting with even greater success. There is a new star this time, and Arthur Dunn, replacing Arthur Deacon, makes the comedy funnier than ever. The engagement at the Globe promises to be one of the best of the season at that house.

John Craig must get in the habit of extending the engagement at the Castle Square for The Circus Girl, but this week he says it is positively the last extension that he is going to put upon it. No better tribute could have been paid to the popularity of Mary Young as a musical comedienne, and another hit is anticipated when A Runaway Girl is put on soon.

Little Nemo is in its second week at the Colonial, packing the house nightly. The comedians of the spectacle are especially good, and Joseph Cawthorne, Billy B. Van and Harry Kelly make much merriment out of the work, while Master Gabriel's Little Nemo is even better than his Buster Brown.

Sins of the Night is the melodrama of the week at the Bowdoin Square, with the stock company headed by Hal Clarendon well placed in the cast. This is the week when Frances McHenry has the leading lady honors, and she appears to much advantage as Rosa.

The End of the Trail is the only other melodrama in town this week, and at the Grand Opera House it provides plenty of thrills. The star of the production is Willis F. Jackson, who makes the part of the educated halfbreed especially effective. The scenic production is fine.

Mrs. Brown-Potter is the dramatic novelty of the week at the Orpheum, and her dramatic recitations are the most artistic offerings of that nature seen at this house in a long time.

McIntyre and Heath remain for another week at Keith's as the top liners, and they replace the Georgia Minstrels so as to give The Man from Montana.

The Girls from Happyland is the combination of the week at the Gayety, with Billy W. Watson as the chief comedian of the company. Fay Foster Burlesquers and the California Girls at the Howard divide honors with the strong house olio. The Tiger Lillies are at the Columbia this week, and all the regular special nights of the house are observed. The High Rollers at the Palace have an especially strong olio. The Manhattan Girls give two distinct bills at Austin and Stone's.

Eleanor Gordon, who was leading woman with the stock company at the Boston until it went out of existence, was in town last week on a visit to Mary Sanders and other Boston friends.

Ida Melle will give two benefits at the Tuoleries, Feb. 18 and March 10, in aid of a deserving young girl who needs assistance in preparation to become a kindergarten.

Mrs. Morris Barth, of Commonwealth Avenue, has added a \$500 scholarship for the Back Bay Opera in memory of her two little daughters.

The Vincent College girls have selected their play for their theatricals this year, and it will soon be placed in rehearsal. It is written by Elizabeth Porter and her sister, Frances, and is called Harrow Scarum.

Rachel Noah France, formerly with the old stock company at the Boston, but who retired from the stage many years ago, gave an afternoon of reminiscence last week that happily entertained the members of the Melrose Highland Club. It was devoted to her reminiscences of her life as an actress.

Gertrude Nolan, of Dorchester, is a sister-in-law of George M. Cohan, and as she is to take a part in the musical play of the Catholic Club of Dorchester this month he has written a couple of songs especially for her.

There was a veritable riot in Mechanics Building the other night on the occasion of a Hebrew performance of The Abnormal Man. The audience did not like things, and expressed their disapproval. Then they began to throw things about, and finally got into fights until a special detail of twenty policemen had to be sent to the spot. In the disturbance, as the manager says, the receipts were stolen, that there was nothing to refund. He says the trouble was due to jealous actors.

These are the days of Salome dancers in Boston at private entertainments. A dinner dance at one of the hotels made quite a stir in the papers, as did one at an exclusive club. Finally things got so far that the police attended a show given in a hall last week, and the result was that Salome wore trousers that did not delight the spectators, but the police were satisfied.

May Ward, who played a vaudeville engagement in town last week, appeared in court seeking to recover \$800 which she claimed as salary as leading woman of The Cash Girl, which closed in this city last Fall. Her action was directed against the J. J. Reiser Amusement Company, of New York, which backed The Cash Girl. She also sought to set aside the bill of sale for the production, which she claims was given to Isaac Cohen without consideration, and some time ago she obtained an injunction restraining him from disposing of the scenery and properties. Cohen is supposed to be in India, but was formerly manager of the company. Miss Ward wants a receiver appointed to wind up the affairs. Timothy J. Cronin, who played a leading part in The Cash Girl and wants \$350 pay, also was in court. Judge Wait heard the evidence and reserved his decision.

The Chapman revival meetings, held in twenty-five churches in Greater Boston every night, and to be continued for the next four weeks, quite naturally effect the attendance about town. A midnight meeting was held one night last week in the Comique in Scollay Square after the last performance for the night in this moving picture house was ended. There will be more midnight meetings later in the revival series.

Hal Clarendon, the leading man of the stock company at the Bowdoin Square, filed a petition in bankruptcy, covering liabilities of \$7,000. His debts were of the kind of clothing, and ranged from six pairs of socks up through men's apparel to one hat.

The bookkeepers of Wonderland have forwarded their mortgage, and that amusement resort at Revere will be sold by auction some time next month. There are rumors that a New York concern plans to build another like resort in that vicinity.

Fay McAllister, of Henry W. Savage's company playing The Devil, was granted a petition for a writ of protection from arrest by Judge Dodge, of the United States District Court, last week. As the judge was sick at his home, the order issued for the writ was sent by him over the telephone. Mr. McAllister was adjourned to the day before by Judge Holt for the Southern District of New York. In spite of the exemption from arrest on a civil process which his adjudication in bankruptcy conferred, McAllister charged that Hurtig and Seamon, of New York, threatened to have his arrest from the municipal court here for alleged breach of contract. As he wanted to leave town with The Devil McAllister made his petition.

JAY BARROW.

WASHINGTON
Mrs. Fiske's Brilliant Opening—Otis Skinner—Rose Stahl—Notes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The opening of Mrs. Fiske's engagement at the Belasco Theatre in her latest play, Salvation Nell, was attended by one of the largest and most fashionable audiences of the season. Many distinguished notables in diplomatic and official life were observed among the large gathering. The play's complete presentation evoked the strongest praise, and Mrs. Fiske scored a distinct triumph in the display of her masterly artistic talents and quiet and impressive acting. The talented star was the recipient of many honors. The Manhattan company rendered full and appreciative support. Holbrook Blinn's Jim Platt was a character creation of excellent study, standing out strongly with other important roles admirably played by Hope Latham, Mary Madison, W. T. Clarke, and Golda Vares. This engagement promises to be one of the largest of the year. Next week, Julia Marlowe in The Goddess of Reason.

Otis Skinner repeated his popular success in the romantic character of Philippe Bridan in The Honor of His Family before a very large audience at the National Theatre, where the play's sterling presentation is again received with great favor. Percy Hargrell, a pronounced Washington favorite, distinguished himself in the hon- in the exacting role of Flora Brasher. A. G. Andrews, Francis Carville, Harry Burkhardt, Alfred Hudson, Jr., R. V. Ferguson, and Sarah Padden render valuable assistance. Next week, Ethel Barrymore in Lady Frederick.

Rose Stahl in The Chorus Lady opened to a crowded house at the Columbia Theatre, where the star is a pronounced favorite, scoring again a big success in her characterization of Patricia O'Brien. That admirable character actor, Gilpin Shinn, again lending a talented support, shines as the older O'Brien. Next week, George Cohan's play, The American Idea, with George Behan and Tricie Frigiana.

Capacity audiences at the Academy of Music greeted Young Buffalo in Charles E. Blaney's newest play, The Sheriff of Angel Gulch, a picturesque Western vehicle that clothes the star to a nicety. Manager Blaney presents a supporting company of excellent melodramatic calibre. Next week, The Wizard of Oz.

The Red Mill, with Montgomery and Stone, is at the National Theatre, and The Old Homestead at the Columbia Theatre. Both had capacity attendance all the week.

At popular Chase's an attractive bill is being presented, which embraces Little Chip and Mary Marlowe; The Quakers, introducing versatile John Hyams and talented Lella McIntyre, Spencer Kelly, and Frederick Rose; Quinn and Lillian Steele, Al Raynor's dogs, and the very interesting vignette pictures, The Making of Maple Sugar. Next week headliners are John T. Kelly and company, La Petite Revue and Niblo's talking birds.

The Passion Play of Oberammergau, a pictorial reproduction by Henry Ellsworth, with lecture on the Oberammergau people and their connection with the presentation of the passion play, was given at the Belasco Theatre, Sunday afternoon and Sunday night, for the benefit of the Washington Airline Fraternal Order of Eagles to capacity attendance. The Marine Band rendered the incidental religious music.

At the National Theatre, Friday afternoon, under society patronage, for the benefit of the Mount Vernon Seminary Society's Free Kindergarten, the eminent Russian pianist, Michla Eiman, appeared before a crowded house in a programme of unusual excellence.

Burton Holmes' travesties, weekly presented at the Masonic Auditorium, are established successes, so strongly that after the present series is concluded five additional lectures will be delivered by Wright Kramer, Mr. Holmes' fellow-traveler in lecture product pursuits, the subjects being, Pex, Berlin, Vienna, Paris and London. Sunday night and Monday afternoon Holmes pictured to crowded attendance Java, the Eden of the Dutch Indies.

Faderewski's appearance at the National Theatre Feb. 4, in the season's only recital, will be one of the big musical events, with the house sold completely at advanced prices.

The Rialto Rounders, with Sam Howe, the Hebrew comedian, in Fun in the Subway, is the attraction at the Gayety Theatre. Next week comes Joseph Burns' Casino Girl. Sam Devere's Show, with Harry Houdini and Leonard the Marvelous, is another burlesque attraction.

Manager L. Stoddard Taylor of the Belasco Theatre, is the author of a new innovation, "A Critics' Programme." This distinctive programme is made of fine bristol board folded once. On the outside cover is the artistic design of the theatre, bearing the inscription, "Critics' Programme," on the first page is the cast and synopsis of the play, opposite this a blank page headed by the caption, "This space for dramatic critic's notes," a brilliant new idea that finds appreciation.

The first complete and authoritative cinematograph views of the earthquake scenes in Sicily, Italy, will be shown at Chase's next week.

JOHN T. WARD.

CINCINNATI
Lyceum Changes Policy—James K. Hackett in Repertoire—News of the Theatres.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 1.—James K. Hackett opened a week's engagement at the Lyric last night in his revival of The Prisoner of Zenda, which he repeats to-night. Later in the week he will appear in The Crisis, Don Caesar's Return, and John Glyde's Honor. The two last named have never been played here before. The Gay Musician follows.

Louis Mann appears at the Grand to-night in his new play, The Man Who Stood Still, and his large personal following put in numbers to welcome him. Mathilde Cottrell and E. A. Fischer are prominent in his support. Lillian Russell follows.

The Rose of the Rancho was given a satisfactory presentation by the Forepaugh Stock company at the Olympic yesterday before large audiences. The advance sales indicate the banner week of the season at this house.

Die Fledermaus was the bill of the German company at the Grand last night, to good attendance.

For the fourth time in two years, Brown of Harvard holds the boards at a local theatre, this time the Walnut. James Young is playing the title-role, and from the opening attendance it is judged that the play has not yet exhausted its popularity.

After a prosperous career for the past ten years, offering the cheaper forms of amusement, the Lyceum Theatre is in the process of being refitted with a new and more moving picture and vaudeville at popular prices. Ben D. Cross, of the Dixie Amusement Company, of Indianapolis, is the new manager.

Langdon Macdonald's thriller, Wanted by the

Police, with Harold Voshurg in the principal role, is this week's bill at Henck's.

At the Columbia are Frank Morgan and Maude Lillian Berri, Low Hawkins, Cadets of Gasconne, Claire Romains, Reif Brothers, Eva Taylor, Tom Davis Trio, and Finley and Burke. For the previous week this house had Net McWilliam, Novelty Dances, Four Nightingales, Portina, Byers and Hermann, W. A. Whittle, Barry and Hughes, and Jane Courthouse and company.

At the Auditorium is a good bill, including Sydney Toledo, the Canillas and the Real Quartet.

Clark's Runaway Girls are always sure of big business at the Standard, where they began an engagement yesterday. The Yankee Doodle Girls hold the boards at the People's this week.

The Little Princess, by Frances Hodgson Burnett, had its first presentation in this city at the Lyric Friday afternoon at a special matinee given by the pupils of Miss Mannheim's school.

The local critics were unanimous in their praise of Julia Marlowe's fine acting in The Goddess of Reason, and also expressed much admiration for the staging, but condemned the play as dull and unworthy of the efforts expended on it. The houses as a rule were of good size.

H. A. SURRON.

PHILADELPHIA
Olga Netherole—Newest Fitch Play Soon—Charlotte Nilsson—General News.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 1.—Olga Netherole opened a two weeks' engagement at the Garrick in her new play of modern American social life, The Writing on the Wall. The performance was well received. Rose Stahl in The Chorus Lady follows Feb. 15.

Fritzi Scheff in The Prima Donna scored a hit at the Broad Street Theatre, where she remains for two weeks. Charles Frohman presents Clyde Fitch's new play, The Happy Marriage, at this house west of Feb. 15.

James T. Powers in Havana continues at the Lyric, where the many catchy musical offerings of his new opera have caught the popular fancy. At the Adelphi, Charlotte Nilsson opened her last week in This Woman and This Man, which has received very favorable comment.

Via Wireless, which has proved to be a great popular success, remains at the Chestnut Street Opera House two weeks longer. The Servant in the House follows west of Feb. 15.

At the Forrest Theatre The Merry Widow opened for its third successful week and continues to delight large audiences. Brewster's Millions, with Edward Abeles, remains at the Walnut. In New York follows west of Feb. 8.

The week's offering at Keith's includes: Arturo Bernardi, Quinlan and Mack, Sadie Jansell, Claude Gillingwater and company in A Strumpet's Rehearsal; Frank Piers, Carroll Johnson, La Petite Revue, Leuch and Tilly, The Three Du Baile, Amanda Gilbert, La Rose and Langusta, and Howard's troupe of ponies and dogs.

The Orpheum Stock company at the Chestnut Street Theatre presented Mark Twain's Pudd'n'-head Wilson. Week of Feb. 8 they produce for the first time in Philadelphia, The Regeneration. Bonita, in Wine, Woman and Song, proved a very popular attraction at the Grand Opera House. In Old Kentucky follows, Feb. 8.

At the Park Theatre, Al H. Wilson presented When Old New York was Dutch. Week of Feb. 8 the attraction will be Harry McEae Webster's Associate Players in An Enemy to the King. This company is to remain as a permanent stock company.

Our New Minister pleased the patrons of the Grand for the week. The Straight Road follows Feb. 8.

The National Theatre offered The Phantom Detective. Texas Jack, Hero of the Plains, follows Feb. 8.

The stock company at the Standard Theatre presented Camille, together with vaudeville, and moving pictures.

Among the burlesque houses, the Trocadero had Sam T. Jack's Show, the Gayety offered Fred Irwin's Magic, with The Blue Ribbon Girls to follow, Feb. 8. At the Casino, Rents Bentley company filled the week, with Rose Hill's Folly company, Feb. 8. The Bijou had The Brigadiers and The Champagne Girls, Feb. 8.

For Her Children's Sake held the boards at Hart's Theatre, to be followed by Shadowed by Three Febs. 8. Popular-priced vaudeville continues at Forepaugh's, Lubin's, and Fifteenth and Chestnut Street theatres, including many pictures, etc.

Dumont's Minstrels are at the Eleventh Street Opera House and the usual array of curiosities is at the Ninth and Arch Museum.

BALTIMORE
Miss Marlowe's Play Well Received—The Lyric for Grand Opera—Notes.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 1.—The curtain fell at Ford's this evening with the greatest round of applause heard these many days. The cause of which was George M. Cohan's The American Idea. It is really a very attractive performance, beautifully staged and costumed, together with a number of original effects. George Behan, Tricie Frigiana, Robert L. Dalley, Gilbert Gregory, Mark Hart, Rose King, Lola Merrill and Carrie Bowman are the principals in the cast. Rose Stahl in The Chorus Lady follows, Feb. 8.

Julia Marlowe, at the Academy, in her new production, The Goddess of Reason, was thoroughly enjoyable. It is a most elaborate presentation, with a charming romance admirably portrayed by Miss Marlowe, who is ably supported. James T. Powers will follow, in Havana.

The Auditorium is offering The Wizard of Oz, with the scarecrow and tin man, and regardless of its repeated visits, plays to excellent houses. It is very entertaining and rapidly dispels anything bordering on melancholia. Granstrak follows Feb. 8.

Valaska Surratt as Cleopatra in No. 1 on the Maryland bill, with William Gould, the Pansophies, Angela Dolores and company, Harrison, Ida O'Day, Carbury Bros., and the Golden Markens prove an attractive bill.

In Old Kentucky is the re-opening offering at the Holiday Street. It is one of the most popular American plays and always enjoys good business here. Next week, For Her Children's Sake.

Blaney's is offering The Marvelous Camera-phone, with a continuous performance from 11 to 11, reproducing this week Eva Tangany and Grace Cameron and a number of others.

The Kentucky Belles appear at the New Monumental, and will give place to Sam Devere's big show at the close of the week.

The Casino Girls prove an attractive offering at the Casino. The famous Rents-Santley company next.

The bill at the Victoria is composed of Rene Aubrey, Elverson, the spinning marvel; Chester and Jones, Whitney and Bell, Young America Quintette, Gormley and Aduato, George C. Davis, and Judson, the man of mystery.

Bernhard Ulrich, manager of the Lyric, returned from New York last Friday, where he had been closing the sale of the Lyric to the directors of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

He announced that in about three weeks the representatives of the purchasers would come here with their architects and have plans prepared for making the building into a real opera house.

On Feb. 7 another Sunday concert will be given at the Lyric. Although there is still strong objection to the Sunday concert, Mr. Ulrich is fighting hard for the success of this innovation in Baltimore, and is determined to win. The programme has not been published, but a fine one is promised. The concert will be in the afternoon in order not to conflict with the evening sessions in the churches.

A concert of Frederick, Md., says that from Lehigh Brothers the Baltimore City Opera House, which will be added to their list of playhouses in this city, Washington and other

cities. Attractions will be booked through William Morris, of New York.

The Russian Symphony Orchestra and the Dan Greet players appeared last Friday night, Saturday afternoon and night at the Lyric in A Midsummer Night's Dream. It was the first visit to Baltimore of the Russian Symphony Orchestra, and was made in honor of the centenary of Mendelssohn. There were repeated and enthusiastic calls for the Spring Song, which was rendered with delightful grace by Len Wall Moore and a ballet of children. Grace Clark Kohler was the soloist.

HAROLD RUTLAND.

PITTSBURGH
Peggy Machree Pleases—The Thief—Gay Musician—Vaudeville and Burlesque.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 1.—The Thief is one of the best plays seen in this city in recent years, and the Nixon held a large and well pleased audience to-night. It tells an intensely dramatic story which is interpreted by an excellent company, and Kyrie Bellows plays his exciting role perfectly. Little Shannon is strong in her part, and Herbert Kelcey is an important factor of the cast. Frank Daniels in Hook of Holland and Lew Fields in The Girl Behind the Counter are underlined.

Man Toy was announced and billed to appear at the Duquesne up to the latter part of last week, when the booking was changed to The Gay Musician, which is the attraction to-night at this house. Amelia Stone heads a large and capable company, and the piece is well staged. Carlotta Nelson in This Woman and This Man is announced for the coming week.

The Alvin has a strong attraction in Peggy Machree, and to-night's crowd seemed delighted with it. Joseph O'Meara possesses a splendid tenor voice which he uses effectively, and Adrienne Angarde is a captivating young woman of ability. The cast is capable, and the play prettily staged. Next week, Ward and Vokes in The Promoters.

Seima Herman is popular here, and known as an actress of much ability in her line of work. She was seen to-day at the Elton in A Bad Man's Wife, and as the wife won the approval of the large audience. During the middle of the week she will give two performances of Camille. Tony the Bootblack follows.

There was sufficient excitement in Texas Jack to hold the attention of the audience at Blaney's Empire to-day, and the melodrama was given by an adequate company. Thorns and Orange Blossoms is announced for next week.

The Merry Maidens is one of the annual shows at Harry Williams' Academy and burlesque and olio bill entertained the usual crowd to-day. Sam Rice is a popular fun-maker and has the assistance of a good company.

The Gayety had its customary crowd to-day, which was entertained by the Jersey Lillies, in which, Len Errol and Fannie Vedder are the principals, and the Rosow Midgits the feature of the olio. Rito Rounders come next.

Jefferson De Rehearsal and company presenting The Rehearsal, Edward F. Barnard, Asahi Jap Troupe, Big City Four, Clifford and Burke, Ed Blondell and company in The Lost Boy, Seldin and Grovini, Ila Grannon, Paul Flarus, Moving Pictures and other acts were presented at the Grand to-day.

The Levenson Yiddish company will present King Lear, The Jewish Hamlet, and Uriel Acosta at the Hildand this week on its allotted nights.

Burton Holmes will give the fourth of his series of Traveltalks at the Nixon to-morrow afternoon. The subject is Java, the Eden of the Dutch Indies.

ALBERT S. L. HAWES.

ST. LOUIS
The Round Up—A Knight for a Day—Melodrama, Burlesque and Vaudeville.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 1.—At the Olympic yesterday The Round-Up was seen for the first time here and was received with every sign of approval. Maclyn Arbuckle still plays Slim Hoover, the sheriff, and the battle scene brought forth much applause.

James K. Hackett ended a remarkably successful engagement at the Garrick Saturday night and was followed yesterday at that house by The Isle of Epice.

A Knight for a Day is the offering at the Century, and the engagement starts off with every indication of success.

Coming Thru the Rye holds the boards at the Grand, and at the Imperial The Smart Set is the attraction. From Sing Sing to Liberty is a thrilling melodramatic magnet at the Franklin.

The burlesque houses offer The Frolicsome Lambs, at the Standard, and Rose Sydell's London Bella, at the Gayety. Both houses are doing very satisfactory business.

The vaudeville theatres, both the New Columbia and American, are offering excellent bills, and the moving picture houses, needless to say, are thriving.

A STATEMENT FROM BENJAMIN CHAPIN.

Despite the statements to the contrary which have recently emanated from Henry W. Savage's office, Benjamin Chapin announces that he will positively appear at the Garden Theatre in Lincoln at the White House at both the matinee and night performances of the week of Feb. 8 as well as Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday matinee, Feb. 5 and 6. Mr. Chapin holds a contract with the Savage office for the exclusive use of the Garden Theatre during the week of Feb. 8.

The following is a copy of the letter sent Henry W. Savage by Mr. Chapin last week, after consulting with his attorney:

1616 Broadway, New York, Jan. 20, 1909.

Dear Sir: I wish to remind you that I have a contract for the Garden Theatre for both matinee and night performances for the week of Feb. 8, and that I will positively open at the Garden Theatre on Friday night, Feb. 5, and continue my run there according to contract for nights as well as matinees.

I do not wish to bring on a legal contest, but I will do so if necessary to protect my rights and to prevent the return of Henry E. Dixon in his play to run at the Garden Theatre.

Your failure to put my tickets on sale for nights as well as matinees, and your advertising of the return of the present attraction, are injuring my business and the chances which my play has of a successful run at the Garden Theatre.

I deeply regret the necessity of this letter, but the Lincoln Centenary Week is an opportune and valuable time for presenting Lincoln at the White House that I do not propose to yield my rights of presenting my play.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) BENJAMIN CHAPIN.

AN ERRONEOUS STATEMENT.

Hugh H. Huhn, writing in the Memphis Commercial Appeal, erroneously says the season of Mrs. Fiske is to be terminated in Salvation Nell, that she may appear in Hannele. Mrs. Fiske never has had a more successful play than Salvation Nell, and has had no idea of cutting short its legitimate term on the American stage. Harrison Gray Fiske has secured the Hauptmann play for Mrs. Fiske's future use, in line with the policy that makes provision ahead for future seasons, and in accordance with Mrs. Fiske's desire—which has marked her tendency for years—to amplify and give artistic diversity to her repertoire.

CUES.

Paul McAllister has filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities of \$3,896 and no assets. There are four creditors, the principal one being Mrs. Margaret McAllister, to whom he owes \$2,500.

Billy and Ella Marble closed their season with Rebecca Warren's company, under the management of J. C. Barton, last week, and left yesterday for their home at Athol, Mass., to rest until Spring.

Heinrich Holmes has been especially engaged to play the leading role in Lincoln at the White House when it opens at the Garden Theatre on Feb. 8.

THE ACTORS' SOCIETY.

THE ADVENT OF A NEW DEPARTMENT MARKS A BUSY WEEK.

The Play Bureau inaugurated—Something About Remains Fielding—Agnes Ardeck Returns After Four Years Abroad—Franklin Ritchie Leaves the Classroom—Emile Melville Makes Friends in Brooklyn—Bertha Wilson for The Renegade—News of Members

room tobacco, cigars and cigarettes for the convenience of members. It is possible, too, that a pool table will soon be among the attractions of the comfortable rooms on the top floor of the society's building.

The engagement department has passed a busy week and the following managers, during the past ten days or so, have transacted business through the society: Charles Frohman, Harrison Grey Fiske, Sam S. and Lee Shubert, Cohen and Harria, Mrs. De Mille, Brady and Grimmer, Wagenhals and Kanner, Alfred Aarons, Stanislaus Strange, Langdon Mitchell, William Ambrose, E. D. Price, Al Lomar, S. F. King, J. J. Iris Amusement Company, Broadhurst and Currie, Charles Fiske, Francesca Haddad, J. H. Kahn, Lida McMillan, Harrison Armstrong, Hope Booth and Benjamin Chapin.

THE THREE ARTS CLUB.

A Young Member Writes Earnestly of Its Purpose While Chronicling Last Week's Benefit.

The following account of an event last week, with reflections upon its motivity, is from the pen of a young woman member of the club:

"The Three Arts Club had a benefit last Thursday morning in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria. Madame Sembrich and Victor Herbert, with unparalleled generosity, gave their services and Mrs. Fiske spoke of the true import of the Three Arts Club in words that to whoever listened carefully, must have opened new vistas and new horizons. Oh! for the power of expression, for the trained habit of writing! Words literally cut one another in my brain. I know what I want to say, but how can I say it forcibly or well!

"This is, crudely, what I mean: The real cause of the gradual but powerful and irresistible upward trend in art that culminated in the Renaissance was the interest that every prince in Italy, from the Pope to the robber-baron, showed in things artistic and in the men who produced them. We all know this. We know, too, that every artist of name looked for talent, fostered it and gave it the needed opportunity. What we don't always see is that the very same necessities exist now. We praise those that through unheeded privations rise to greatness; we hold our breath at the tales they tell of discouragement and actual hunger; we have come to think such things inseparable from artistic success; we don't realize the awful loss we incur. For every powerful constitution that resists and goes to the top, how many sink and disappear? There is enough struggle in art to attain to the highest and the best. I can't see the necessity of mental and physical misery. It is one of our comfortable, morbid ways of excusing a wrong state of affairs.

"What an awakening when we find that a number of women belonging to the highest social and artistic circles in New York, women who, knowing how to appreciate and produce the exquisite and finished flower of art, have pushed their love down to the roots of the plant itself, have interested themselves in the delicate ramifications and even in the little seed itself, recognizing the vital importance of it. Being women, they have turned their attention toward girls. They know that economic reasons drive many of them to use their gifts for a livelihood. But in providing for them they have not lost sight of the great principle—the one that is at the root of all good and true growth: Independence. They are aiming to make the club absolutely self-supporting—a home for girl-artists, but not a so-called charity which would surely drive away the best contingent and carp real artistic growth in the ones willing to accept it; and there lies the reason of the benefit. It is to build a house big enough to accommodate so many girls that the proceeds will make it self-supporting. It is a plan quite worthy of the true love of art that gave it birth.

"Mrs. Fiske said all this so much better than I can say it. True talent must have help and opportunity, and to give it these without robbing it of the independence that is its true life is the solution of a great problem.

"There is surely a future in art for the women of America, when such an ideal can find visible expression. What can I say in appreciation of Madame Sembrich's art that would not sound trite and weak? In the face of art like hers one can only be very still; but the generous gift we can be grateful for, at least. It is the same with Mr. Victor Herbert. Music is deeper than words or thoughts—it is a half-formed vision in us that never takes full shape.

"It is my opinion that there is a poet in most of us that is miserably dumb, poor fellow! To teach him to speak the language that most appeals to him: there is art; to teach him to listen, to think and to feel: there is the helpmate of art, appreciation. G. V.

FOR HUMAN EDUCATION.

The International Humane Association, newly incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, met at the residence of Jefferson Seligman, 11 East Sixty-ninth Street, New York, last Wednesday to formulate plans for work. Its purpose is to introduce humane education as it relates to the treatment of children and dumb animals in those countries where humane practices in these relations are unknown, through the formation and support of humane societies, a propaganda in native schools in the form of attractive literature, and generally by like means among adults. Those present at the meeting were Jefferson Seligman, Mrs. James Speyer, Mrs. Fiske, F. Townsend Martin, Mesop Newton Khan, Harrison Grey Fiske, the Princess Kawanaka, Lillie Lawlor, Miss Hammond, James Metcalfe, and Miss Greer. The Honorary President of the association is Señor Garcia de Toledo, of Malaga, Spain, who has been working along humane lines in that country. Jefferson Seligman is President. Bishop David H. Greer is Honorary Vice-President. Mrs. Harrison Grey Fiske First Vice-President. Sydney Richmond Taber Second Vice-President. and Harrison Grey Fiske Treasurer. This association was projected some time ago by Mrs. Fiske, and the prominence of those now interested in the organization assures earnest work along the lines set forth above.

WALTERS DRAMATIC COMPANY.

The Walters Dramatic company appeared at the Russell Theatre, Ottawa, Can., last week in three one-act plays: The Eyes of the Heart, by Malcolm Watson, and 'Op-a-me-Thumb, by Fred Penn and R. Pryce. H. McD. Walters, Clare Brunton, and Dorothy Walters were the principal members of the company. This organization will compete for the Governor-General's Trophy next April.

SEDLER BROWN ILL.

Sedley Brown, stage director of the Valencia Theatre, San Francisco, has been obliged to temporarily retire from work and is now resting in Los Angeles. About two weeks ago he had an attack of aphasia and for some time was unable to remember his own identity. The strain of too much work had affected his nervous system. He is expected to be able to resume work in a short time.

ADELE RITCHIE UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Adele Ritchie underwent a serious operation last Thursday at the Gynecological Hospital, Philadelphia. She had been in bad health for about a year, and her physicians diagnosed the disorder as floating kidneys. The operation was entirely successful, and Miss Ritchie is already on the road to convalescence. She will rest for several months before she returns to the stage.

MARY ANDERSON GOES HOME.

Mary Anderson de Navarre left last Saturday on the Baltic to return to her home in England. She was accompanied by her son, José. Her husband and daughter will remain here a few weeks longer on account of the illness of the former's father, José de Navarre.

THE LONDON STAGE.

GAWAIN REAPPEARS WITH A NEWSY BUDGET AFTER A FORTNIGHT'S ILLNESS.

The General's Past—Henry of Navarre—Well Acted Historical Drama—Penelope Produced—News of Americans—Marie Dressler—Cecilia Loftus—Carrie Nation—Gossip.

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

LONDON, Jan. 28.—"A fortnight is supposed to have elapsed," as they say on the playbills. As a matter of fact, a fortnight has elapsed since I last had the honor of addressing you. The lapse has been due to sundry matters of ill-health, etc., over which I have had no control. It is with gladness that I now resume my Gawainean gossipings, and I trust to be able to continue week by week as of yore. So much for Self. Now to think of Others.

Since I last mailed we have had (after a lull) quite a little crop of New Year new play-plants. The first in order of time was a Sunday night play called The Test, a free-love-down-with-the-marriage-service kind of piece which didn't—and doesn't—matter a single critical rap, though as a matter of fact the play received several. With The Test was presented a clever and really comical one-act comedy entitled The General's Past. This piece, full of funny little bits of dialogue and characterization, was the work of that smart and skillful playwright-journalist, Clotilda Graves, who from being in the Gaiety chorus and "thinking part" ranks has won herself a capital literary and dramatic position.

The next new play was really an important affair, being, in fact, Actor-Author William Devereux's historical drama, Henry of Navarre, presented at the New Theatre just over a week ago by Actor-Manager Fred Terry and his wife, Julia Neilson, who on that occasion made her highly welcome stage reappearance after a long and severe illness. Naturally the handsome and popular Julia had an enormous reception.

Fred Terry plays the name part in this powerful and picturesque drama, and Mrs. Fred enacts the character of the beautiful Princess Marguerite of Valois. The principal scenes revolve around this couple's course of true love, which runs anything but "smooth" during the four acts, at the end of which, and after the awful massacre of St. Bartholomew had been thrillingly suggested "off," Henry and Marguerite settle down for the honeymoon, up to then they have been prevented from doing so. The play is full of plots and counterplots, of poisonings and stranglings, of attempted sword murders and attempts at murder. And altogether, although this Devereux drama may not (and in fact does not) outrival in poetry and power such massed St. Bartholomew plays as Kit Marlowe's Massacre at Paris, mad Nat Lee's Duke of Guise and other similar works by the elder dramatists, yet it is a strong and honest piece of work and well deserves the financial success it is achieving.

The acting is powerful all round. Fred Terry was a fine dashing Henry of Navarre, although he somewhat marred his usual handsomeness by making up too much (like the heavily nosed Cyrano de Bergerac); Julia Neilson never played better than as Marguerite de Valois; Titta Brand was a powerful and duly melodramatic Catherine de Medici (poisoner wholesale, retail and for exportation); Horace Hodges was a splendid English aristocrat, death-dealer to the Court; A. E. Anson was a strong and interesting Guise; and Charles Cherry was admirable as King Charles the Ninth.

Mem.—This Ninth Charles is a character which the late Sir Henry Irving often told me (just before his lamented death) that he wanted to act in a massacre of St. Bartholomew play by Critie W. L. Courtney. The acting rights of this play (just published by Courtney) are vested in Sir Henry's eldest son "H. B.," who is still going very strong with The Lyons Mail at the Shaftesbury.

The other new plays calling for honorable mention include W. Somerset Maugham's comedy, Penelope, just presented by Charles Frohman and Arthur Chudleigh at the Court, with Marie Tempest in the name part, and Olive Lathmer's Husband, which was produced by the brothers Gatti at the Vaudeville a night or two ago. Of these two plays I hope to write more fully in my next.

For the time being I have to announce that (1) your Mrs. Carrie Nation starts a music hall crusade at the Canterbury and Paragon variety theatres on Monday; (2) that your Miss Marie Dressler is busy rehearsing a new play, called Little Minna, with which she starts a season at the Aldwych presently; (3) that Clotilda Loftus is ill and out of the bill at the Coliseum, and the aforesaid Marie has been doing duty for her; (4) that the new Gaiety play, Our Miss Gertie, is to be produced to-night and that crowds have been around the doors since the dawn of day; and that (5) thank God, the twenty weeks' old fight between the variety agents and the Variety Artists' Federation now looks like ending without a strike. As I write the combatants have just arranged to agree to arbitration, and I may tell you how some of the peace-making oil poured upon the long-troubled variety (or vaudeville) waters was supplied oratorically and penfully by the gentle GAWAIN.

THE THEATRE IN NEW ZEALAND.

Henry Kolker and Ola Humphrey in The Thief—Some Attractive Offerings.

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

WELLINGTON, Jan. 2.—New Zealand is well supplied with amusements just now. With drama, comedy, musical comedy and moving pictures, lovers of amusements have any quantity to choose from and on which to bestow their patronage.

Mr. Ben Fuller, of the Fuller Proprietary, leaves for America about Feb. 5 in search of novelties and to make arrangements with any reputable manager who wishes to pay a visit to the Dominion.

J. C. Williamson's star dramatic company, which is headed by George S. Titherage, Henry Kolker and Ola Jane Humphrey, commenced a tour of the Dominion at the Wellington Opera House on Boxing Night with The Thief. The house was packed from floor to ceiling and capacity business has been done ever since. The Taming of the Shrew was offered last night, to be followed by Zira, The Village Priest and The Truth.

Montgomery's Entertainers are doing fine business in the South Island.

The Dominion tour of the moving pictures of the Burns-Squires light was not the financial success the management anticipated.

The William Anderson Dramatic company is at present touring the west coast of the South Island with a repertoire of the most lurid dramas. Business has been fair to middling.

The Fullers have secured the New Zealand rights of the Burns-Johnson light pictures. The price was £3,000, which will take some getting back. The price is simply exorbitant.

Miss Tittell Brane and J. C. Williamson's dramatic company are touring the Dominion with big success with The Girl of the Golden West. Diana of Dobson's, Sunday, and Romeo and Juliet. The show, at present in Christchurch, opens in Wellington Jan. 18 for three weeks.

The Scarlet Troubadours, an English musical company, is doing fine business in New Zealand.

Madame Ada Crossley and concert company opened a tour of the Dominion at Invercargill on New Year's night at a packed house. The tour promises to be a highly successful one.

J. C. Williamson's Musical Comedy company has been scoring big at Auckland with The Red Mill, The Prince of Pilsen, and The Belle of New York.

Maskelyne and Devant's Mystery Show is at present in the South Island. The North Island tour was a great success.

Florence Baines and company in Miss Lancashire, Limited, is doing fine business in New Zealand.

land. Miss Baines is an English artist who is a great comedienne, possesses a fine voice and is also an expert dancer. She is playing in the Fuller houses at present, but will undertake a country tour in a couple of weeks' time.

The New Zealand tour of the Russian prostitute the Chernavskies (pianist, cellist, and violinist), is proving a fairly successful one.

The Scotch-Canadian Kitties Band is doing fine business in New Zealand.

The Bland Holt Dramatic company is simply coining money since its arrival in New Zealand. The plays are mounted in gorgeous style, while the company is a strong one.

Wirth's Circus commences a tour of the Dominion about the end of January.

The Royal Picture Syndicate has extended its operations to Auckland. Business is reported as good.

West's Pictures and De Green's Vice-Regal Band are at present on a six months' tour of the Dominion. If business is satisfactory it will be extended over two years. ANDREW SMART.

THE DRAMA AND THE CHILD.

Dr. Hall Delivers the Second Lecture in Educational Theatre Series.

"The Activity of the Dramatic Instinct During Adolescence" was the subject of Dr. G. Stanley Hall's address at the Lyceum Theatre, New York, the other day. It was the second in a series under the auspices of the Educational Theatre for Children and Young People.

Dr. Hall emphasized the benefit derived from giving boys and girls in their early teens an opportunity for dramatic expression, and gave many amusing instances of children who, deprived of the opportunity, indulge in "play-acting" of their own authorship, wherein a small girl pictures herself a heroine or a beautiful princess, and a boy becomes an outlaw, an Indian chief or a famous detective. Dr. Hall declared that there was little question that much more good than harm would be done if some of the best theatres, offering their best attractions, were to remain open Sunday afternoons, that children might be kept from idleness and influences of the street. The speaker's remarks drew forth much approbative applause.

THE ROBIN ELLIS RECITAL.

Robin Ellis is giving an interesting course of dramatic-eloquence recitals at College Hall, 128 East Fifty-eighth Street, New York, his programme being composed of selections from the Irish vernacular poems of Dr. Jane Barlow, eldest daughter of Rev. J. M. Barlow, senior fellow of Trinity College, Dublin. All those persons who have enjoyed Miss Barlow's inimitable stories of Irish life would certainly appreciate Mr. Ellis' faithful and sympathetic interpretation of her lyrics. The next recital is announced for Tuesday evening, Feb. 23, when Mr. Ellis will recite "Th' Old Master," "Last Time at McGurk's," and other Miss Barlow's "Bog Land" sketches.

PEOPLE'S SYMPHONY CHAMBER MUSIC.

The People's Symphony Auxiliary Club will give the fourth chamber concert of its sixth season at Cooper Union Friday evening, Feb. 5, when the Margulies Trio will render the following programme: Trio, Mendelssohn; Kreutzer Sonata, Beethoven; Miss Margulies, piano; Mr. Lichtenberg, violin; piano trio, Ansky. The People's chamber music concert has proved unusually successful this season, capacity houses being the rule. The remaining two concerts of the course will present the Kaufman and the Pionasey quartettes.

LITERARY AND DRAMATIC UNION.

An entertainment and package auction was given by the Literary and Dramatic Union at the studio of Irene Ackerman on Jan. 27. Among those taking part were John C. Clancy, Mrs. Katherine Carpenter Fay, Victor Ritchie, Madame Delina Peckham, Amy Ames, Eccleston Barrett, Mrs. B. J. Kelly, Helen Williams, A. Valentine, Gladys Deane Hall, Maritana Elmer and Baby Florence Burns. L. Rodgers Wolfe acted as auctioneer of the packages. A business meeting of the Union will be held Friday, Feb. 5, at 3 P.M.

CLAIMS THE VAMPIRE IDEA.

Arthur Stringer, in a statement to the New York Times, claims that the idea of the play, The Vampire, was taken from his novel, The Silver Poppy, published some years ago. George Swenson, co-author with Edgar Allan Woolf of the play, denies any acquaintanceship with Mr. Stringer's novel and says that the idea is his own. The authors of the play have threatened suit for libel against Mr. Stringer.

A NEW PLAY FOR ARBUCKLE.

Edmund Day's novel, "Squire Finn," is being dramatized by Eugene Presbury and will be produced next September under the title of The Circus Man, with Macklyn Arbuckle in the leading role.

GOSIP.

At a meeting of the Woman's Press Club held last Saturday, J. I. C. Clarke spoke on "The Press from a Dramatist's Point of View."

The police of Trenton, N. J., in answer to protests by clergymen, forbade a second performance in that town of The Girl from Rector's, produced there Friday night.

Charles M. Seay has left the Winnipeg, Man., Stock company, and has joined the stock at the Grand Opera House, New Haven, Conn.

Bobby Barry has resigned from A Knight for a Day, and will rest for a while.

Helen Holman, for a while leading woman in The Man from Home, will play the role of Kate Morris with Benjamin Chapin in Lincoln at the White House. Others in the company will be Caroline Harris, Robert Tansey, Daniel Jorrett, Jr., and L. Rogers Lytton. Receipts of the first performance, on Feb. 5, will go to the Lincoln Farm Association.

J. Baldwin, G. Hawthorne and B. Kaye will present a three-act comedy in one-night-stand next season. The company will be known as the B. H. and K. Amusement company, with offices at 277 Broadway, New York.

Gertrude Coghlan is to leave the cast of The Traveling Salesman on account of ill health, and will be succeeded by Miss Ferguson.

Countess Marie de Tournay is in Havana, Cuba, and attended the inauguration of General Gomez as Cuba's first President on Jan. 28. She visited with the Enrique Borrás company at the Gran Teatro Nacional. Señor Borrás is Spain's most famous tragedian.

B. M. Garfield, who was manager of the Sure Shot Sam company until its effects were burned out, has been transferred to The Cowboy Girl company, another one of the Kilroy-Britton attractions, and will manage that company for the rest of the season.

Several officers of the Baltic entertained a part of the chorus of The Three Twins at luncheon on board the ship last Friday afternoon. In return for the invitation given officers and crew to attend Thursday night's performance at the Majestic Theatre.

Harry Barrington, playing the clergyman in Polly of the Circus, received many flattering notices during the management of the play through the New England States.

Clare Krail at the close of the present season of The Great Divide will take a trip to England and France in quest of a new play, on invitation of a well-known playwright. Miss Krail will be entertained in England by the Fairfax family, in whose line of descent she is. She will be accompanied by a chaperon and will sail early in June.

Romaine Fielding, whose picture appears above, is an actor whose ability as a portrayer of heavy roles has long been recognized. He has been engaged by Liebler and Company to play Thunder Hawk in The Renegade, in support of William Farnum. Although still a comparatively young man, Mr. Fielding has a long list of successes to his credit and is a player of sincere and painstaking methods. He has been a member of several stock companies, including prominent organizations in San Francisco and Kansas City, and was prominent in the support of Tim Murphy. He appeared in Jacob Litt's productions and later toured at the head of his own company. His most recent appearance was as Jim Redfield in Sure-shot Sam, his work in that role winning for him some excellent notices. In that play, too, it will be remembered, Mabel Vann, who in private life is Mrs. Fielding, scored a success in the leading feminine role. Those who have watched Mr. Fielding's advancement have no doubt concerning his success in Paul Armstrong's latest play.



The first week of the new Play Bureau's existence has been a promising one, and under Walter D. Nealand's management the department is beginning to thrive. Managers of out-of-town stock companies will find the bureau of great aid to them, since, in addition to supplying them with plays, it furnishes flashlights, quotations on pictorial printing, scene and light plots, and special press matter. The Musical Agency, also, has started off well. The new departments promise to become important additions to the work of the society.

The Play Reading Committee has taken under consideration several of the manuscripts submitted to it, and in the material received there are said to be two or three plays worthy of careful attention.

Wilton Lackaye is to deliver a short address before the members and guests of the society in the library Sunday evening, Feb. 14. President Wise is to make a few introductory remarks and the evening promises to be an entertaining and profitable one.

Franklin Ritchie, who was the original Ben Cameron in The Classman and who has played the part over 300 times during the past four years, has withdrawn from the cast of the Dixon play and returned to New York. He has entered into negotiations with several managers. Others of The Classman company now in town include Eugenia Hayden and Charles J. Wilson.

After four years abroad, Agnes Ardeck has returned to New York. On the homeward voyage, aboard the Minnehaha, Miss Ardeck was accompanied by General Nelson A. Miles, an old friend of Miss Ardeck's family. That Miss Ardeck has not been forgotten during her absence has been proved by the many social attentions of which she has been the recipient since her return.

Emile Melville, now a member of the Crescent stock company in Brooklyn, is making many friends and earning much praise for her good work with that organization.

Harry English is now being featured in the leading male role, that of The Mummy. In The Mummy and the Humming Bird, and his characterization of the part has met with warm praise from the critics.

Alexander Gaden, who, in support of Mildred Holland has just ended a successful run in Chicago and inaugurated an engagement of indefinite length at the Yorkville Theatre in this city, is repeating here the success with which he met in the West.

Karl Wilson, on the closing of Leo Dietrichstein's company in Cleveland recently, left immediately for El Paso, Texas, to settle the estate of his father, Judge John F. Mitchell, who died just before the holidays. Mr. Wilson will probably remain in El Paso until the first of May.

The Chicago critics have awarded to George Allison, leading man of the Bush Temple stock company in that city, are unstinted in their praise of his work. Mrs. Allison (Gertrude Rivers) has established herself as a favorite and has been shown much attention socially.

Bertha Wilson left town Friday for Chicago, where she is to open in Liebler and Company's production of Paul Armstrong's new play, The Renegade.

Lucille La Verne has replaced Zeida Sears in the Lyric Theatre production of The Blue Mouse. W. J. Gross has met with excellent success in a leading role with Henry W. Savage's Devil company.

Harry Means is a new recruit who has proved himself a valuable addition to vaudeville.

Frank Ferguson, now established in Chicago, is a member of the society who has achieved some prominence as an author of vaudeville plays. He is the author of Millady Raffles, written for Lisle Leigh and George Backus; Lucky Jim, for Jane Courthouse; The Ace of Trumps and The Mother, for Rose Coghlan; and is co-author with Mary Shaw of a four-act play entitled A Woman's Name.

George Street Christie is offering a very funny characterization as Dick Winters, one of the harassed trio in The Three Twins at the Majestic Theatre. Lenora Kerwin is another society member who is an important factor in the success of the same production.

George Loane Tucker is to close with Henry W. Savage's Devil company next week.

A committee has been appointed to buy and have placed on sale in the society's smoking

CHAS. K. CHAMPLIN

BREAKS ALL RECORDS AT MARTINSBURG, W. VA.

I played Chas. K. Champlin at my theatre, Hagerstown, Md., the week of January 18th, to a phenomenal week's business, almost reaching the record made one FAIR WEEK at high prices. Last week I played him at my theatre at Martinsburg, W. Va., and he broke all records for a week's business. S. R. O. every performance. Hundreds turned away. The Greatest Repertoire Show I have ever played.

CHAS. W. BOYER, Mgr. Academy of Music, Hagerstown, Md.

SPECULATOR WAR HANGS FIRE.

Corporation Counsel Pendleton Offers New Ordinance.

Other than Corporation Counsel Pendleton's new ordinance, offered to the Board of Aldermen last week, nothing new or definite has occurred in the controversy now being waged between the ticket speculators, the law makers and the theatre managers. Mr. Pendleton's communication to the Aldermen was as follows:

"In my opinion the regulation of the price of tickets is not a lawful exercise of the police power. If a license had already been issued for a place of public amusement an ordinance could not be lawfully passed prohibiting the sale of tickets at a greater price than that named on the ticket.

"But in my opinion your board has power to legislate upon the sale in the streets of tickets of admission to theatres. I recommend that the sale of tickets be forbidden within 200 feet of theatres and other places of amusement, and also suggest that the punishment prescribed for a violation of the ordinance be changed so that a fine of not more than \$10 instead of not less than \$10 shall be imposed, making the imprisonment in the city prison in case of default optional with the City Magistrate."

Plans are already being found in Mr. Pendleton's proposed ordinance. It was referred to the Committee on Laws and Legislation.

HAMMERSTEIN AND THE "PRESS."

As a result of a disagreement between Oscar Hammerstein and the editorial department of the New York Press, which included a bodily attack upon the impresario, the individual members of the Theatrical Managers' Association have withdrawn all advertising from the Press. The newspaper charges that Mr. Hammerstein sent an insulting letter to its editor regarding several members of the staff, and Mr. Hammerstein says that the Press had ridiculed him and his opera house. Max Smith, music critic of the Press, has brought civil suit against Mr. Hammerstein on a charge of slander, alleging that he was referred to as being "drunk and seedy." The suit is for \$25,000. A criminal action has also been threatened.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL BENEFIT.

A benefit for the Lincoln Memorial Fund will be held at the Metropolitan Opera House on Feb. 9. General Benjamin F. Tracy will preside. Ida Tarbell will make an address, and there will be a musical programme under the direction of Walter Damrosch and the New York Symphony Orchestra. The Opera House will be decorated with flags and the ushers will be soldiers of the regular army in uniform. The Committee of Arrangements is composed of H. C. Gude, Philomena T. Sherman and Dr. William L. Stockbary, President of Lincoln Memorial University.

NEW CROSTOWN THEATRE.

Edward Margolis, president of the Margolis Realty Company, has completed negotiations for a twenty-one year lease of the plot at 113 to 123 West Forty-third Street. It is planned to build a theatre on the site to cost about \$240,000. The raising of the old dwelling now occupying the site will begin soon. The theatre is to adjoin the Army and Navy Club and it is directly opposite the site recently bought by the Elks for a club house. The present plan is to make this a home for the presentation of the most expensive productions, with a three-dollar scale of prices.

SHUBERTS GET MADAME OILY.

Madame Marietta Oily, who made her first American appearance at the Irving Place German Theatre a fortnight ago, has signed a contract to appear under the Shubert management in English speaking roles. She will begin her new work early next season, probably at the Maxine Elliott Theatre. She has recovered from a mild attack of appendicitis that sent her to Mount Sinai Hospital, and will resume her place at the German Theatre Thursday night, in Bernstein's Baccarat.

MRS. YEAMANS MUCH BETTER.

Reports yesterday from the apartments of Mrs. Annie Yeamans, at the Hotel Gerard, where the veteran actress has been quite ill during the past week, were very encouraging, and it was said that she was feeling much better. On account of Mrs. Yeamans' advanced age (she is seventy-three years old) her illness aroused much concern among her friends, and the chance for the better in her condition will be very welcome news.

SALLIE FISHER'S MOTHER HURT

Mrs. Sarah Fisher, Sallie Fisher's mother, attended the performance of A Stubborn Cinderella last Friday night. She laughed so heartily at the comedy that a fit of sneezing followed which was so violent that Mrs. Fisher broke a rib. Dr. Walter A. Shoals was called into the dressing-room where Mrs. Fisher had been taken. He said that Mrs. Fisher had probably suffered from a fractured rib before and that the present accident was due to a structural weakness. She was sent to her daughter's home after the play.

PROFESSIONAL DOINGS.

Ossip Gabrilowitch, the Russian pianist, will give a second recital at Carnegie Hall on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 6, from a characteristic programme.

The Beech Theatre Company was incorporated last week under the laws of the State of Washington. The company is capitalised at \$10,000, with the headquarters at Bellingham, Wash., from which place the concern will operate theatres in the State. Its incorporators are George W. Loggie, S. M. Bruce and S. H. Friedlander. The Beech Theatre at Bellingham will be operated as heretofore except that George H. Webber, a former partner in the holdings, has sold out his interest.

Wright Symons, with The Merry Widow, left the company in Boston and is going to Paris for three years to study under Frank Kline Clark. Mr. Symons is the second son of Captain C. C. Symons, a well-known mining specialist.

Dwight A. Meade, who has been doing the lead in Rowing and Clifford's Easterns, Jane Eyre company, which closed in Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 30, has been engaged as leading man with Humeleins' Ideals for the balance of the season. Mr. Meade was leading man with The Ideals last season.

Catherine Dupont, an English actress who played here several years ago with Mrs. Patrick Campbell, arrived in New York on the Mountains last Friday. She has just finished a season with Sir Charles Wyndham.

A musical play, produced at Pavlov's Lee Avenue Theatre, Brooklyn, last Spring, under the title of The Girl from Williamsburg, has been obtained by Mortimer M. Theatres for early production. The piece was called The Girl from Williamsburg in contradistinction to The Girl from Rector's.

BENEFIT FOR MRS. WALLACK.

In Wallack's Theatre on March 5 a testimonial benefit will be given for the widow of Lester Wallack, under the auspices of the Theatrical Managers' Association. This was decided at the last meeting of the Managers' Association, when a resolution to that effect was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Theodore Moss has offered the use of the famous theatre, of which Lester Wallack was manager for nearly forty years and until within a few years of his death, in Stamford, Conn., in 1888. Mrs. Wallack was Miss Millie, a daughter of the famous English artist.

The benefit will be a notable event in theatricals. All the leading stars then playing in the city will contribute to the programme, many of them in novelties especially prepared for the benefit.

IN BROOKLYN THEATRES.

At the Montauk Theatre this week, the attraction is Ethel Barrymore in Lady Frederick. Bruce McRae is still the leading man, and the same capable company that appeared in Manhattan, is in support. Next week, George Cohan in The Yankee Prince. Henry H. Diney in Mary Jane's Pa is seen this week at the Grand Opera House. Mrs. Fisher's engagement in Salvation Nell at this theatre last week broke the record of the house. Next week, John Mason in The Witching Hour.

Chauncey Olcott in Hugged Robbin is the offering this week at Teller's Broadway Theatre. Mr. Olcott has spread himself in his new play, in the matter of production and company, and the engagement in this borough is likely to be a successful one. Next week, A. Walton Brown.

The Majestic has a strong attraction this week in David Higgins, who appears in his new play, Captain Clay of Missouri. Eliza Milford and George Mack are prominent in the cast. Next week, Lord Dunsinore's Minstrels.

Blanche Oelrich is the new leading woman of the Crescent Stock company at the Crescent Theatre, did so well last week in the title-role of Salome Jane, that she is now firmly established as a local favorite. In this week's play, Are You a Mason? most of the opportunities are given to her, and she is giving a fine performance. The enthusiasm of the audience Monday night was a tribute to the company and production. Next week in the Bishop's Comedy.

"Way Down East," with a big cast and an elaborate setting, will be seen at the Academy of Music week of Feb. 8.

Cole and Johnson in The Red Moon is the attraction this week at the Folly Theatre. Next week, The Old Homestead.

Corse Clayton's Players, at the Lee Avenue Theatre, present At the White Horse Tavern in a manner creditable to the company. Every part seems to have been given to the right person, and as usual, Eliza Phillips is the bright star. Louis Leon Hall, Lee Sterritt, Joseph Girard were generously applauded Monday night. Next week, The Power Behind the Throne.

Jim, the Penman, is the play offered this week by the Gotham Stock company, at the Gotham Theatre, and William Holden, Emma Bell, and Boyd Nolan are seen in appropriate roles. The production is up to the Gotham standard, and the business at this theatre is steadily increasing. Next week, The Sporting Duchess.

The Millionaire and the Policeman's Wife is produced, with all its thrill and elaborate scenery, at Blanche's Theatre this week. The entertainment is provided by the Pado and Polles Company. Two interesting sketches and an olio including Morris and Morton, May Walsh, Irving R. Walton, and the special feature, DeWitt, Burns and Terrance, are seen.

City Sports appear this week at the Star, in two burlesques and this attractive vaudeville bill: English Terrence, Healy and Odell, Hilton Troupe, Dore and William, and Marie and Ollie Omega, Boorn, Linda and Moll is the extra feature.

Blue Ribbon Girls, in two musical plays, and an olio, consisting of Hilda Carlo's Red Rovers, Three Perry Sisters, Keller and Lane, Billy Wells and Pauline Moran, with Countess Ross as an extra feature, is a popular offering this week at the Gayety Theatre.

The Empire had a good attraction this week in The Cherry Blossom, who appear in The Girl in the Moon and offer as an added number, the Little Musical Four.

VAUDEVILLE.

The Orpheum bill this week is: Will Coney and Blanche Dayne, Will H. Murphy and Blanche Nichols, Marshall F. Wilder, Carter De Haven and Flora Parker, Tuscany Troubadours, Four Lakins, Wormwood's animals, Hilda Boehm, and Kelly and Ashby.

The Palace bill is: Vera Kean, Talbot, Gerde, La Clair and picks, Lawrence and Harrington, May Duryea, Reuel and Derry, Evans and Evans, Seymour and Hill, and Robin.

At the Grandpoint are: Irene Franklin and Burt Green, Charles Wilbur and Follen, Scotland and Stone, Barnes, Emily Hook and company, Stafford and Stone, Playboys, and Hygiene and company.

Keeney's bill is: At the Country Club, Martin and Maximilian, Four American Gipsy Girls, Trainer and Dale, the Danzons, Variety Company, Murphy-Whitman and company, and Herbert Tye.

This is the Columbia offering: Jennie Ward, Sherman Wade and company, Mamma Araba, Noodles Pagan and company, and pictures.

STILL AT IT.

Charles K. Champlin continues to add new house records to his already long string with a degree of regularity that would become monotonous were the results not so pleasing. Martinsburg, W. Va., is the latest town to succumb to the ability of this star and his able repertoire organization, the capacity of the Academy of Music in the city being tested at every performance, with many disappointed ones turned away for lack of standing room. Manager Charles W. Boyer, of the Academy, strongly indorses the quality of this attraction.

NOTES OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

Sauer and Jordan are the exclusive agents for Under Two Flags and Sunset, dramatizations by Edwin Mordant, who has achieved an artistic triumph in the leading role of The Great Divorce, which is now playing eastward from the Pacific Coast.

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Robert A. Mansfield having just closed with The Life of an Actress is open for leading business.

VAUDEVILLE JOTTINGS.

Willard Slime opens in London, June 7 for a two months' engagement in Plunder's Furnished Flat, the sketch he is appearing in this week at the Colonial. He will appear in Paris and Vienna for extended engagements before returning to America.

Fields and Ward resigned Montgomery and Moore for a few days at the Victoria, as well as playing the Colonial, during the latter's temporary indisposition.

The Bellows, Temple and Aller company are touring the South, presenting vaudeville sketches, including an abbreviated version of The Devil. They are at the Grandview, Wichita, Kan., this week.

Flora Parker sketched under the stars of the Odeon on Friday afternoon, during the time of the Odeon for some moments before the audience or any one



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back of the curtain realized that she was unconscious. The curtain was rung down, and Murphy and Nichols at once went on with their new comedy sketch, filling in the time.

On Sunday night, Jan. 31, Fred. Nibbe gave his illustrated lecture-talk on London, from Windsor Castle to Whitechapel, before a good-sized and most appreciative audience. Mr. Nibbe's travel talks are being given in larger audiences each succeeding Sunday night at the Galaxy.

F. C. Fay is playing the Irish character part in Harrison Armstrong's sketch, Chromatic Evidence, in vaudeville.

say, now playing Keith and Proctor time, on Monday, Jan. 26, was united in marriage to Celia Connors of Clinton, Mass. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride. Sam Smith, his partner, was best man.

The New Rochelle Amusement Company, that has planned to open its vaudeville house in Rose Street, had its building condemned last week. It is announced.

It is announced that Harry Bulger will return to vaudeville shortly.

Edith Garvie, it is said, will shortly enter vaudeville in a condensed version of Mr. Jolly of Juliet.

Violet Fisher is playing The Busy Day, scoring an emphatic hit, it is said.

MILIE BURKE POISONED.

Milie Burke's engagement at Farnum's Theatre, Hartford, for Jan. 28 and 29, was cancelled on account of Milie Burke's illness. Several days before she scratched her finger and blood poisoning developed. She insisted on filling her engagement at Springfield on Jan. 28, but her physicians ordered her not to attempt to play the Hartford dates.

ACTING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

At North Platte, Neb., on Jan. 28, the Western company of The Great Divide played in a theatre illuminated by locomotive headlights, oil lamps and candles. An eighty-mile wind blew down the smokestack of the local power station, putting the electric lighting plant out of commission. Edwin Mordant writes that in spite of the high wind and the darkness the company played to good business.

VAUDEVILLE PERFORMERS' DATES.

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Steger, Julius—Bennett's, Montreal, Can. Stevens, Mary—Fell's, Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 1, New Haven, 9-12.
Stiles, Charles—Orph., Boston, Pa. Strickland, Kate—Hawthorne's, Lowell, Mass. Sully South-Grand, Wheeling, W. Va., Keith's, Columbia, O., 8-12.
Surrell, and H. America, St. Louis, Mo. Suterlin, George—Temple, Detroit, Mich., Cook's, Rochester, N. Y., 8-12.
Swan and Bonhard—Orph., Allentown, Pa. Swartz, Francis—Orph., Pensacola, Fla. Sweet, Chas. E.—Camp, Paterson, N. J. Sweet, Rosa—Orph., Omaha, Neb.
Symonds, Jack—Orph., Great Falls, Mont. T. J. JOSEPHINE—Empire, Johannesburg, South Africa, Feb. 1-Apr. 20.
Tanner, Eva—Orph., 1222 N. Y. C. Tanager, Julius—Colonial, N. Y. C. Taylor, Eva—Columbia, Cincinnati, O. Taylor, Mrs. Maj.—Benton Harbor, Mich., Maj., Ann Arbor, 8-12.
Tennie, Mrs. Mary—Anderson, Louisville, Ky. Terry and Lambert—Liverpool, 1-4 Manchester 8-12. Sheffield 15-20, Bradford 22-27.
Tardo, Claude—Grand, Hamilton, O. The Quartette—Orph., Reading, Pa., Orph., Harrisburg 8-12.
Thompson and Berida—Howard, Boston, Mass. Toledo, Sydney—Auditorium, Cincinnati, O. Townsend, Charlotte—Cook's, Rochester, N. Y., 8-12. Truener and Dale—Kearney's, Bklyn. Truitt, Frances—Orph., 1222 N. Y. C. Trombador, Three—Shubert, Utica, N. Y., Proctor's, Albany, 8-12.
Trovato, Signor—Orph., Denver, Colo. Tully, May—Orph., Boston, Mass. Tuscany Troubadours—Orph., Bklyn. Tyrell, Al. E.—Main St., Florida, Ill. Ullis and Paul—Family, Chester, Pa., 1-3. Urra, Betty—Orph., Butte, Mont. Van, Billy—Shea's, Toronto, Can., Temple, Detroit, Mich., 8-12.
Van, Charles and Fannie—Orph., Seattle, Wash., 8-12. Van Buren and Gless—Bradley, Ind., 1-3. Crawfordville 4-6, Indianapolis 8-12.
Van Dyke—Atlantic Garden, N. Y. C. Van Hook—Orph., Boston, Mass. Veldt Trio—America, St. Louis, Mo. Wakefield, Willis—Cook's, Rochester, N. Y. Walker, Nellie—Bennett's, Montreal, Can., Bennett's, Hamilton, 8-12.
Walker and Gill—Family, Bellevue, O., Orph., Bucyrus, 8-10, Orph., Tiffin, 11-12. Walley Trio—Atlantic Garden, N. Y. C. Ward and Curran—Keith's, Boston, Mass. Warren and Blanchard—Maj., Chgo. Watson's Family—Orph., White Plains, N. Y. Webb, Harry L.—Maj., Houston, Tex., Maj., Galveston, 8-12.
Webb and Connelly—Orph., Spokane, Wash., Orph., Portland, Ore., 8-12. Welch, Ross—America, St. Louis, Mo. Welch, J. A.—Atlantic Garden, N. Y. C. Welch, Joe—America, Chgo. Welch, Mealy and Montrose—Grand, Indianapolis, Ind. Weonans and Francis—Wigwam, "Prison. Weston Sisters—Maj., Chgo. Weston and Young—America, N. Y. C. White, Clayton and Marie Stuart—Temple, Detroit, Mich. White and Simmons—Orph., Sioux City, Ia. Whiting, Geo., and Clark—Wigwam, N. Y. C. Whittle, W. P.—Mary Anderson, Louisville, Ky. Wilbur, Clarence—Greenpoint, Bklyn. Wilder, Marshall P.—Orph., Bklyn. Willard and Bond—Wigwam, Bay City, Mich., 8-12. Williams and Gordon—Family, Lancaster, Pa. Williams, Sam—Proctor's, Newark, N. J. Williams, Thompson and Copeland—O. H. Grand Rapids, Mich. Wills and Hansen—Hammerstein's, N. Y. C. Wills, Nat. M.—Shea's, Buffalo, N. Y. Wilmont, Cora—Maj., Houston, Tex., Maj., Galveston, 8-12.
Wilson, Frank and Joe—Haymarket, Chgo. Winston, Juliet—Orph., Boston, Mass. Winston's Sea Lions—Trent, Trenton, N. J. Winter, Winona—Maj., Des Moines, Ia. Wood Bros.—Proctor's, Newark, N. J. Wood and Lawson—America, N. Y. C. Wordette, Estelle—Colonial, Lawrence, Mass. Work and Owe—Orph., Seattle, Wash., 8-12. Wormwood's Dogs—Orph., Bklyn., Alhambra, N. Y. C., 8-12.
WORLD, JOHN W., AND MINDELL KING—STON—Bennett's, Montreal, Can., 8-12. Worthley, Abbott and Minthorne—Orph., Easton, Pa., Broadway, Camden, N. J., 8-12. Wroe Trio—Keith's, Boston, Mass. Wynn, Bessie—America, St. Louis, Mo. Yamamoto Brothers—Orph., Reading, Pa. Yamamoto and Koyoshi—Orph., Boston, Mass. Yeamans, Annie—Lyric, Newark, N. J. Young, Otis and Brothers—Maj., Chgo., Columbia, St. Louis, 8-12.
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VAUDEVILLE JOTTINGS.

The Rhode Royal Indoor Circus opened for a week at the Audubon in St. Paul, Jan. 28, under the auspices of Osmun Temple, Noble of the Mystic Shrine. The weather was ideal and the huge building, which is the handiwork of the Northwest, was packed to suffocation. Every box was occupied, and all the seats were filled. The show made a tremendous hit. It is reported that the Shrine, under whose auspices the show was given, sold over \$6,000 worth of reserved seats for the week. The show in its entirety goes from St. Paul direct to Kansas City, where it opens Feb. 8 for a week in Convention Hall, under the auspices of the Kansas City Shrine.

Mrs. Lawrence A. Ramsey, a midwife, forty-six inches in height, gave birth to a baby three weeks ago at a hospital in Philadelphia. It was found necessary to perform the very dangerous Caesarean operation upon the mother, and that the child and patient have both survived the ordeal admirably is considered most remarkable by the medical profession. The baby weighed four pounds and the mother only fifty-seven. Mrs. Ramsey is the wife of a Philadelphian her team mate in vaudeville.

At the New York Hippodrome last Sunday night Lyman H. How's Hippodrome presented in motion picture views of the Italian earthquake.

The February number of "The Strand Magazine" has an article by Harry Lauder, entitled, "My Reminiscences." It contains many amusing and pathetic stories of the early struggles of the now famous vaudeville artist.

Hetta Urna is playing the Sullivan and Osmundine hit in every town she plays.

The vaudeville team of Duff and Walsh, who appear in a clever dancing act, left Philadelphia Sunday, Jan. 24, for Winnipeg, Man., where they begin an engagement covering a season of thirty-six weeks over the Sullivan and Osmundine and other circuits. Mr. Duff was formerly a member of Our Friend Fritz Co.

The Moonshiners opened at the New Rochelle (N. Y.) Theatre, Jan. 28. The act is a dramatic musical playlet. The cast includes Harry Baercombe, Currie Chase, Hattie Dramant, and Mary L. Hutchins.

Harry Discher, a wealthy society man, gave a unique entertainment to a few of his friends at the Hippodrome at 11 P.M. Jan. 31. Every guest appeared in costume, a collection being served upon the stage.

George Scott, who is said to have been with Barnum and Bailey's Circus in past years, committed suicide at the Covent Garden Hotel in London, Eng., by shooting himself while in his bed on the morning of Jan. 28.

Bessie Fisher has been engaged by Lydia McMillan for a part in the sketch, "After the Matinee." By a decision of the Supreme Court of Michigan, recently handed down, Frank Ferguson, whose playlets are well known in vaudeville, has lost his summer home, "The Cabin," at Barren Springs, Mich. The village questioned Mr. Fisher's claim to own title, setting forth that the ground occupied by

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Jefferson de Angeles will and his vaudeville engagement March 13, it is said, when Harry McDonough will take his place, supported by the present cast.

Edward Lariviere, bame, with the Tuscany Troubadours, on Jan. 28, received a medal from the Government at Washington, as an award for his services in the late Spanish-American war. Mr. Lariviere served on the cruiser "Brooklyn."

THE MOVING PICTURE FIELD

(Continued from page 18.)

runs a home in Martinsburg, W. Va. The new firm promises two new pictures and illustrated songs each night. The Edison Pictures will draw large business to a daily change of new films.

At the Hippodrome, Syracuse, N. Y., Cupid's Burglar (talking) and a Colonial romance and a case of spirits (Biograph) were the leading pictures 25-1. The Kautsmans are singing "Star of the National Game" with slides showing several big stars.

Manager R. A. Gibbons has made application for a machine license to the Motion Picture Patents Company under the new law, which he thinks will be to the interest of all exhibitors. At the Theatreum, The O'Farrells are showing a new picture, "The National Game," with slides showing several big stars.

At the Novelty Love and Law, The Step-mother, The Wonderful Legs, and Pagan and Christian are shown. Harry Campbell is singing "Where is My Wandering Boy To-Night?"

Morley's Theatre, in Bakersfield, Cal., offered these films last week: Old Maid's Temperance, A Gypsy's Revenge, A Runaway Horse, Queen of the Arena, Maggie the Rock Star, The Impudent Daughter, and Mrs. Hatch. House drew a packed house.

Mr. Hincley, of the Opera House in Bayonne, N. J., resigned to embark in the moving picture business. With the closing of the two picture houses in this city, which were a renewal of their first efforts, the Council decided in last week's Mirror, a splendid opening has prevented itself for the opening of a first-class, up-to-date moving picture house.

At the Bijou, in Providence, R. I., the films last week included The Sicilian's Revenge, The Color Line, A Persistent Sultor, and Collecting Postage Stamps; also John Shea and Miss Churchill in illustrated songs. The feature picture at the Nickel was Ray Elias, illustrating Victor Hugo's masterpiece, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Paper Cockadoodle and Where is My Wandering Boy To-Night? Mendel Crocker and Mr. Cuddy are well received in illustrated songs.

The New Star, Hannibal, Mo., with the cameraphone is attracting good crowds, and the patronage of this house is keeping up wonderfully. The Nickelodeon is packed with the new Vendia, Gertrude Black, and Dan Moley; also a new and interesting line of films.

The Happy Hour, San Antonio, Tex., still continues to do a big business. Last week Jan. 12-13 bill was as follows: The Mysterious Wreck, McDaniel Sisters, The Two Kingsley, Lou Brooks, and moving pictures. The Star is doing a good, steady business. The Wonderland has changed managers. William Brown, who is now manager, tried vaudeville in connection with moving pictures last week. He says that hereafter he will discontinue vaudeville and will only run straight moving pictures. The Dixie has had improvements this week which add much to its appearance. The Palace, Colonial, Gen. Edison, Palace, and Electric are all doing fairly well.

The Life of Abraham Lincoln, The Hidden Treasure, On Thanksgiving Day, A Ragged Hero, were very attractive films at the Nickel Theatre, St. John, Newfoundland, work of 18. A. H. Goble, Mr. and Mrs. Madison were immensely popular in their respective vocal selections. It is stated that Fred G. Trites, formerly manager of the Newfoundland Nickel Theatre, will reopen the "E. A. Hall" as a moving picture house. Negotiations with that end in view are now transpiring.

The Biograph company announces a picture for release Feb. 8, called Edgar Allan Poe, which is a dramatic story based on an incident in the great poet's life. As this is the one hundredth year since Poe's birth, and his position in literature is being much discussed in newspapers and magazines, the picture is very timely. Other issues for this and next week are included in The Mirror's schedule of licensed releases.

Peare and Schack, of Baltimore, have bought from Lohman Brothers, the lease of the City Opera House, in Frederick, Md., and will operate the house three days each week moving pictures and the balance of the week open for vaudeville.

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SAN FRANCISCO. E. N. Sothern—Sweet Kitty Bellairs—Sherlock Holmes—The House of Bondage—Vaudeville. At the Van Ness Theatre E. N. Sothern opened Jan. 18 in Hamlet and was well received. He continues in repertory two weeks. The Wolf comes to this house in repertory. The Alcazar Theatre did so well with Sweet Kitty Bellairs during the first week that the same will be continued to 25 and, perhaps, to 1. The Valencia Theatre has an excellent performance of Sherlock Holmes during week commencing 18. Business good. Commencing week 25, When Knight-hood Was in Flower will be the programme. The Princess Theatre will present Koli and Dill in Bankers and Brothers commencing 25. A large benefit was given at this house for the Italian earthquake sufferers, under the auspices of the Musicians' Union of San Francisco. Some of the Lombardi Opera Co. left their services. The Orpheum Theatre has the following bill: Julie Home and co. in A Mountain Chaperon, Jewell's Mammoth, Bert Howard and Edie Lawrence, the Chad-wick Trio, the Jonell Trio, Edwin Latell, Mr. and Mrs. Grace Hughes, and last week of the Three Yacorgs, Europe's foremost athletic acrobats. Business good. This house expects to be in its new quarters some time in April. The American Theatre presented Florence Roberts in The House of Bondage during the week commencing 18. She was well received. Business good. Commencing 24, Thomas Jefferson will appear in Rip Van Winkle. James Jeffries, under big salary, is appearing at the Western Theatre. Independent Vaudeville Circuit took a lease on the Newcity Theatre and has changed the name to Gayety. The first performance will be the introduction of Jim Post and his co. and other vaudeville acts, commencing 24. The Lombardi Opera Co. will play at the Central Theatre during week commencing 25. De Grand, who primarily came to California to marry an Oakland girl, gave a successful concert at the St. Francis Hotel 25. Richard Hotaling, the San Francisco millionaire, who is a celebrated amateur tragedian, will enter the professional ranks, opening in Richelieu at Liberty Theatre, in Oakland, 1. A. T. HARNETT.

MONTREAL. The Thief—Kathryn Osterman—Melodrama—Vaudeville. The Thief, with Margaret Wycherly and Charles Dalton in the leading roles, opened at His Majesty's Jan. 25, to good business. Play and company are both excellent. The Merry Widow 1-4. Kathryn Osterman opened to good business at the Academy 25 in The Thief of the Play. It was presented on broad farce-comedy lines, and seemed to please the audience. The Rocky Mountain Express, with some startling scenery and mechanical effects, and four acts, chuck full of fun, is the bill at the Franciscan. The Klammern Trio, twelve in number, head the bill at Bennett's, and give a fine performance. Harry Fields and his Redpath Nephews, Alha, the strong woman; George Armstrong, A Detective Detected; Smith and Campbell, and Chassino, go to make up a satisfactory bill. The Golden Crook company give a good bill at the Princess. Jack Reid, W. A. Inman and Billy Kelly are the three comedians, and kept the fun going. The La Tour Sisters do a kissing duet which caught the house. The Royal has a good bill in the Empire Burlesque. Roger Imhof is a comedian of more than ordinary ability. Mildred Gilmour made a hit in her songs and imitations. The Hervey O'Brien-Franchise has proved such a success at the National that it has been run into a third week, a record in stock history here. Bennett's Novelties has a good bill, including Bertha Russell, the Deviants, the Macnab, Milla, Tillyne, and others. W. A. THREMAINE.

INDIANAPOLIS. Phenomenal Success of Robert Mantell—Stock Items—Vaudeville Concert. During Robert Mantell's engagement at English's Jan. 18-20, the box office receipts were heavier than any previous week of the season, the house being sold out at every performance but two, and for the last two performances the orchestra was moved under the stage to provide extra seats. Mr. Mantell broke his own season's record for attendance in the various cities he has visited. Florence Davis, supported by Elliott Dexter and a capable co., gave two pleasing performances of Under the Greenwood Tree 25, 26. The Mistic World, matinee and night, 27. Boston Symphony Orchestra 28. Lillian Russell in Wildfire 2, 3. Grace Van Studdford in The Golden Butterfly 4. Richard Carle in Mary's Lamb 5, 6. At the Majestic 25-30, the Forepaugh Stock Co. presented Salome Jane, which has never been seen here before. On the opening night, a benefit performance for the Order of Red Men delighted a crowded house. George Arvine handled the part of the Man in his customary careful and convincing manner. Lucile Spinyne was unusually pleasing as Salome Jane, and her Southern dialect was excellent. Mattie Choate gave a strong, well conceived portrayal of Lise Month. Fay Baker was very popular with the audience in the juvenile role of Willie Smith. Alworth Arnold as Colonel Starbottle, Forrest Seabury as Yuba Bill, Morris Foster as Rufe Waters, J. Francis Kirke as Jack Marbury Harry Preston Coffin as Madison Clay and Romaine Callender as Red Pete deserve much praise. Sweet Kitty Bellairs 1-4. School Days, with Herman Timbush Janet Priest, Joe Kene, Agnes Lynn and others, delighted S. R. O. audiences at two performances every day during the engagement at the Park 25-27. Mcadden's Flats 28-30. Too Many Wives 1-3. At the Grand 28-30, Violet Black and co. in The Subway, was a popular, up-to-date headliner. Cadets de Gascogne won instant and deserved favor. Vinie Daly and the Tennis Trio pleased. Others were Francis-Olloma, Glenn Hart, Serraval and Fessell and Low Hawkins. Empire: Watson's Burlesques 25-30. The Entertainment Committee of the United Mine Workers of America, now in session here, bought out the entire house for the performance 27. Crazy Corner Girls 1-4. The Muskegon, with a large chorus, an orchestra of seventy-five, and four soloists, under the direction of Alexander Ernestoff, gave a fine production of Verdi's Requiem at Tomlinson Hall 25, for the benefit of the Italian earthquake sufferers. The receipts of the concert amounted to \$2500. PEARL KIRKWOOD.

CLEVELAND. Frank Keenan Pleases—Marie Dore—Ward and Vokes—Vaudeville. The Warrens of Virginia was presented at the Colonial Theatre Jan. 25-30, by an excellent company, with Frank Keenan, one of the cleverest actors we have seen in the lead. Christine Norman made a favorable impression. The Gay Musicians 1-4 will be the first attraction under the management of Roy Comstock. Marie Dore, supported by Orrin Johnson and a good company, was seen in The Richest Girl, at the Euclid Avenue Opera House 25-30. Fallies of 1868 1-4. Joseph F. Sheehan will head the following bill at Keith's Hippodrome 1-4: The Trappella, the Adelmann Quartet, the Boys in Blue, Valerie Burgess, and company will present The Lion Tamer; the Six American Danzons, W. C. Fields and Rafayetta's dogs. Ward and Vokes, with good company, including Lucy Daly, was at the Lyceum Theatre 25-30. George Bellairs 1-4. A Crook Slave's Revenge was the attraction at the Cleveland Theatre 25-30. The Convict and the Girl 1-4. Uncle Sam's Bellies came to the Star Theatre 1-4. The Vanity Fair company will be at the Empire Theatre 1-4. WILLIAM ORASTON.

KANSAS CITY. The Right of Way—Musical Plays—Eva Lang—Vaudeville. The Right of Way returned to the Willis Wood Jan. 24-30, and playing to big audiences. Theodore Roberts and Guy Standing still head the capable co. Robert Edeson 1-4. The Grand had The Top o' th' World 24-30, which was also a return engagement, as the play was seen here at the Shubert earlier in the season. School Days 1-4. Under Southern Skies held the boards at the Shubert 24-30, playing to very satisfactory business. The charming play pleased as before. Adelaide Thurston 1-4. A one-act melodrama of considerable merit, entitled The Night of the Wedding, was the Orpheum head-line 24-30, being presented by Adeline Danlap, Frank McCormack and co. The playlet was well received by the big crowd, as were the following acts: Will Rogers, Saver Brothers, Lewis and Green, May and Flo Hengler, the Four Orans, and Sue Smith. Under Two Flags was the Woodward stock bill at the Auditorium 24-30, and proved to be one of the best plays the co. done this season. Eva Lang, who starred in this play under Mr. Woodward's management shows her pleasant familiarity with the role of Cigarette. Bertie Cecil was excellently played by Harry C. Browne while William Randall, Frank Beamish, Rita Knight, Will Davis, and Marie Hudson had especially congenial roles. Brown of Harvard 1-4. On Trial for His Life was the offering at the Gillian 24-30, playing to the usual large audience. Archer Rutledge was cunning, in the leading role. Pozzo's Ennauva a pleasing feature. Convict 900 1-4. The Frolicsome Lambs at the Century week of 24 played to good business. The performance was above average, and seemed to please immensely. Gaiety Girls 1-4. The Majestic had The London Belles 24-30, opening to good business. The olio was well received. The Hippodrome continues to draw good crowds, and a weekly change of programme in all departments of the big Winter garden added to the interest. A benefit for the earthquake sufferers will be given at the Willis Wood Theatre 5 by the co. playing at the different theatres this week. The feature number will be the third act from The Light of Way. The big six-day bicycle race, to be held in Convention Hall 30-4, is attracting much attention. Myrtle Klynn, the pianist, will appear in concert at the Willis Wood the afternoon of 1. D. KERRY CAMPBELL.

DETROIT. Richard Carle—Joseph Sheehan—Manager Ward Elevates Burlesque. Richard Carle, in Mary's Lamb, drew well at the Detroit Opera House Jan. 25-30. Last Sunday afternoon, Bertram C. Whitner gave a recital at 3 o'clock by Alice Nielson. Sam Bernard in Nearly a Hero 1-4. The Girl Question at the Lyceum Theatre 24-30 proved one of the best drawing cards of the season. Next week, Mr. Him and I. At the Temple Theatre 25-1, Manager Moore offered an inviting bill, and capacity houses responded. Joseph Sheehan and his big tenor voice was unquestionably attracted the Detroit house. Willa Holt Watersfield was also voted a complete success. Others were Agnes Scott and Horace Wright, Walter C. Kelly, La Veen, Cross and co., Holden's Manikins, Brown, Harris and Brown, Spiller Musical Bumpers and the Lutescope. This week, Clayton White and Marie Stuart. At the Gayety Theatre, Manager J. M. Ward is sincere in his efforts to resuscitate burlesque to that place where it will appeal to women, as well as men, and to a certain extent, success is crowning his efforts. This week Al Rivers' Beauty Show is giving a lively, yet clean, entertainment. Kluck-bucher Burlesques 31-4. At the Avenue Theatre 24-30, The Thoroughbreds drew fair houses, and offered a particularly strong olio. Darcy's Duckling 31-4. Through Death Valley furnished Detroit's melodramatic bill-of-fare at the Whitney Theatre 24-30. Next week, Bunco in Arizona. The Majestic Theatre, Detroit's newest and best located moving picture house, is doing a capacity business every afternoon and evening. Amateur talent will present The Talk of the Town at the Light Guard Armory 1, 2, in the interests of charity. James M. Lathrop, one of Detroit's oldest theatrical men, died in this city Jan. 26. He was manager of the Detroit Opera House for eleven years, and subsequently managed the Whitney theatres in Hamilton and London, Ontario. His last position was with the Lafayette Theatre, Detroit, from which position he resigned about a year ago on account of ill health. ELYP. A. MARGINI.

JERSEY CITY. Wine, Women and Song—Moving Pictures—Union Hill. Wine, Women and Song at the Majestic Jan. 25-30, drew very large audiences, and gave satisfaction. Bonita and the excellent cast repeated former success. Graustark 1-4. David Higgins 5-13. The Privileges of 1915 came to the Bon Ton Theatre 25-30 in capacity at every performance, and it is a great big show with a large and competent cast. The Academy of Music is doing a record breaking business with moving pictures and vaudeville. The pictures are changed daily, and the vaudeville 25-30 consisted of Short and Miller, George Turner, Keith-Francis's Theatre, at the upper end of town, is packed at every performance, and the love for moving pictures there is on the increase, not on the wane. The Hudson Theatre (Union Hill) is drawing large crowds with a fine bill. Appearing 25-31 were: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Williams, Harry Le Clair, Melrose and Kennedy, Sam Williams, Webster Oulison and co., Alfred Harrington, and the Kaufman Brothers. Melville Park has been rechristened the Amusement Park, and articles of incorporation have been filed at the County Court House in the sum of \$25,000. A benefit for the Italian sufferers will be given at the Majestic Theatre 31. The Elks' big stag is set for 2. Nat Carr, Lew Hearn, James Mullen, and Alan Coogan are the big four of the Wine, Women and Song co. Appearing at Fletcher Hall 25 were: Harry Bur-gorne, Lilian Bender, and Harry Tifford. Appearing at Columbia Hall 25 were: Gayler and Graf, Frank Golden, Duke Polenta, Dan Harrington, and Lambert and Williams. WALTER C. SMITH.

Burlietta Cruman is now rehearsing a new play to open at the Columbia Theatre, Washington, on Feb. 15. She will close her vaudiville engagements after her present Metropolitan appearance. She is at the Alhambra this week.

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Where no date is given, it will be understood that the current week is meant.

Ackerman, Paul-Maj., St. Paul, Minn.

Adams, Edward B.-Palace, London, Jan. 18-Feb. 14.

Adams, Mabelle-Keith's, Cleveland, O.

Adams and Mack-Lubin's, Phila., Victoria, Balto., 8-12.

Adelman, Joseph-Hippodrome, Cleveland, O.

Ahearn, Chas., Troupe-Auditorium, Lynn, Mass.

Alexander, Sam-Family, Chester, Pa., 4-6.

Alexander and Scott-Circus Carre, Amsterdam, Holland-Indefinite.

All, Haden Ben-Armory, Binghamton, N. Y.

Allen, Edgar-Poll's, Hartford, Conn.

Allen, Earl-Lincoln Sq., N. Y. C.

Allison, Mr. and Mrs.-Orph., Denver, Colo.

American Gypsy Girls-Keeney's, Bklyn.

American Trampsters-Maj., Denver, Colo.

Anderson and Goines-Temple, Detroit, Mich.

Apples Animals-Bennett's, Montreal, Can.

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A MODEL PICTURE ENTERTAINMENT.

Lyman Howe Sunday Night at the Hippodrome
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At the Hippodrome Sunday night Lyman Howe gave New York the best example of what a high class moving picture entertainment ought to be that it has ever had. It was a moving picture show, pure and simple, but it was presented in such an intelligent manner, with appropriate stage and light effects, and the programme was so well selected, that the large audience recorded its warm approval by repeated and hearty applause. An instance of the clever use of effects may be mentioned in connection with a picture which Mr. Howe called "The Runaway Train." It was a view taken from the front of a moving train on a railroad in the Alps, showing superb scenery. The train apparently starts at ordinary speed, but soon commences to gain greater headway, until it is running at what appears to be a terrific pace, up and down grades, around curves and through tunnels, until a dark spot ahead is seen suddenly ahead. Into this spot the train rushes, the picture ends and a heavy crash effect is heard behind the curtain. The realism of the thing is startling. All pictures shown were remarkably clear and included the following programme: The Gorgona Flight of Wilbur Wright, His First Experiment, a comic; Scenes in Cairo and Egypt, Messina Before and After the Earthquake, Rover Outwits the Kidnapper, Russia and the Moscow Flood, The Juggling Fly, The Electric Hotel, Water Scenes in Cornwall, Feats of Horsemanship, The Runaway Train, and A Bovine Episode.

DENVER MANAGERS ORGANIZE.

Managers of moving picture theatres in Denver, Colo., have organized what they call "The Moving Picture Men's Board of Trade of Denver," with C. F. Wilson, of Dreamland, president; R. B. Cooper, of the Gaiety, vice-president, and William Collier, secretary and treasurer. Only two houses are not included, the membership being as follows: Dreamland, Princess, Talbot, Hippodrome, Laramona, Star, Theatrum, Gem, Midway and Gaiety. It is proposed to censor all films brought to Denver, so that any feature considered objectionable may be eliminated. It is said, also, that all subjects must be changed every other day, and that no theatre may exhibit pictures shown in any of the other houses, but this last condition, probably, has been minimized, as the average theatre presents two reels at each show, and this would require sixty reels per week to supply the ten houses, a manifest impossibility, for any considerable length of time.

HIGH ART FILM BY PATHE.

The Pathe release for Feb. 3, entitled "Incriminating Evidence," promises to be the most important dramatic subject ever issued by any company. It is acted by Severin, the great French pantomimist, who has proven one of the vaudeville sensations of the year in America. He is assisted in the film by his own company. Another important Pathe announcement is a film showing motor boat races in France and the astonishing speed obtained by the new boat, "Recherché-Antoinette," on the Seine, when she made 34 knots per hour. This boat is of the hydroplane or gliding type.

UNATTENDED CHILDREN BARRED.

Mayor McClellan signed, Jan. 29, a new ordinance prohibiting moving picture theatres from admitting children under the age of sixteen, unless accompanied by adults, under a penalty of from \$10 to \$50 for each offense. The ordinance meets with the approval of all responsible and intelligent managers, many of whom have long followed this rule of their own volition. They hold that a theatre that cannot live without the pennies of unattended children, has no legitimate excuse for existing.

KLEINE'S RELEASES.

George Kleine's releases for this week are as follows: Gaudern's Horse, Gaumont, comedy, 275 feet; The Nurse's Romance, Gaumont, drama, 225 feet; The Guard's Alarm, Urban-Schloss, drama, 400 feet; The Living Wood, Urban-Schloss, drama, 562 feet; A Mother's Heart, Gaumont, drama, 680 feet. The dates on which releases are made have not been furnished and hence the subjects cannot be included in our schedule of licensed film releases.

GANE NETS BIG SUM.

William Gane, lessee and manager of the Manhattan Theatre, at Broadway and Thirty-third Street, through the sale of his lease on the Family Theatre on 125th Street netted the sum of \$10,000 on Sunday night, Jan. 31. On last Friday Mr. Gane took over the lease on this theatre from Sullivan and Condit, who have been operating it as a vaudeville try-out house. William Fox, who controls the Dewey, New Star, Gotham, Brooklyn Comedy, and other motion picture theatres, as well as being the principal owner of the Greater New York Film Exchange, learned of Mr. Gane's having taken over the Family Theatre. He at once got in touch with Mr. Gane, and papers were drawn up at once, Mr. Fox paying Mr. Gane \$10,000 bonus for his lease of the theatre. Prior to selling his option Mr. Gane had drawn up plans for remodeling the house at a cost of \$20,000. The future policy of the theatre has not been announced by Mr. Fox, who may possibly utilize it as a burlesque or vaudeville theatre. As it is very near his Gotham he may not make a picture theatre of it.

MOVING PICTURES AS LEGAL EVIDENCE.

An interesting effort was made in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, last week, to use moving pictures as legal evidence in a railroad damage suit. A boy, Stephen McGorty, was suing the Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad for injuries, and the company exhibited in the trial a moving picture film, showing Stephen performing a number of athletic stunts, the object being to show that the alleged injuries were not genuine. But it was also testified that the boy had been induced by the company to compete in the sports by promises of pay and by taunting him with being afraid, and it was alleged that the speed of the film was so regulated by the operator as to represent the boy as moving faster than he really did. The jury, therefore, disregarded the picture evidence, and found a verdict for the plaintiff which was sustained by Justice Aspinwall. This result, however, would not indicate that moving pictures under certain circumstances might not be very powerful evidence.

HARSTEN RECEIVERSHIP SET ASIDE.

Judge Holt, in United States Court, Jan. 29, set aside the bankruptcy receivership that had been secured by creditors of Harsten and company, renters and dealers in moving picture films and supplies, 138 East Fourteenth Street, New York. It was represented to the court that the corporation of Harsten and company is solvent and can meet all liabilities.

NEW PHILADELPHIA PICTURE HOUSE.

The New Liberty Auditorium, now being erected on Columbia Avenue, near Broad Street, Philadelphia, for J. F. Zimmerman, Jr., is 52 feet front and 136 feet deep, with an L-shaped addition 46 by 46 feet at the rear. It is to cost \$25,000, has an elaborate front, sloped concrete floor, and will seat 900. It will probably open Washington's birthday.

NEW KALEM PICTURES.

The Kalem issue of this week, "The Detectives," is a story of New York life, based on "black-hand" outrages and the work of the Italian Bureau of the New York detective force. The picture is very realistic. The issue for next week is another Florida subject, taken at an ostrich farm in Florida.

NEW CAMERAPHONE SUBJECTS.

Three reels of new acts ready for shipment this week from the Cameraphone Company include the following subjects: Raymond Hitchcock, Cameron and Baker, Harry Cooper, Pleasant Visit, Baby Elephant, Beamon and Summers, Marie Beaupre, and Arthur Schmidt.

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FROM MELODRAMA TO PICTURES.

Ben D. Cross, formerly of Indianapolis, is now manager of the Lyceum Theatre, Cincinnati, and the policy of the house has been changed from melodrama to moving pictures and vaudeville. The reason given is that lurid melodrama has lost its hold on the popular-price public.

MOVING PICTURE NOTES.

Interesting Items of News from Moving Picture Theatres the Country Over.

Bob Mosely, manager of the Yale, in Bartlesville, Okla., left the hospital last week, after a long illness with pneumonia. The Yale Amusement Company, of Kansas, has opened a new electric theatre on Second Street, this city, and call it the Gem. It opened last night of 23d to good business.

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Work on the new Sawyer Street Theatre, in New Bedford, Mass., is progressing rapidly.

Joseph F. Silva, proprietor of the Idle Hour, will open a new moving picture house at Warren, R. I. George Capron, representing a Boston syndicate, spent several days here, negotiating for a site for a new theatre.

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